

OFFICIAL APPOINTMENT



May 20, 2026

*Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me,
so that they may be one just as we are one (John 17:11).*

Beloved Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Jesus prays that we may be one with God and live as we are named through, with, and in Christ Jesus. We have heard from Sts. Peter and Paul throughout the Easter season that we bring forth Jesus the Eucharist when we serve one another for then we are serving God.

Your pastor, Father Walsh, has led you to know, love and serve God. He will officially retire on July 1, becoming pastor emeritus. I know you join me in prayers of gratitude for his humble, faith-filled ministry these many years. I am pleased to announce the appointment of Father Christopher Dorsey as Parochial Administrator of St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, effective July 1. Father Dorsey served during his pastoral year as a seminarian in 2013 at St. Margaret Mary. I introduce Father Dorsey to you.



Christopher Dorsey was born on July 9, 1986, in Spokane, WA to his parents, Leo and Mary. He is sibling to sister, Candice, and brother, Nicholas. He graduated from the University of Central Florida in 2008 with a BA in English. His family relocated to Melbourne, and Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church, Indialantic became their home parish. He received the Sacrament of Holy Orders on May 23, 2015, at St. James Cathedral. He was ordained to serve the Diocese of Orlando and the Archdiocese for the Military Services as he felt called to minister as a chaplain for the men and women who serve in the Armed Forces.

On June 4, 2019, Father Christopher Dorsey was appointed a United States Army Chaplain. His first assignment was at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri with the 84th Chemical Battalion. The all-encompassing assignment led him to provide faith formation, sacramental preparation, opportunities for fellowship, and moral and spiritual direction for the soldiers and their families. In 2021, Father Dorsey was assigned the chaplaincy at Camp Zama, Japan. Father Dorsey was the only Catholic priest in Japan serving the United States Army. He was advisor to Christians and those who did not know God. He remembers speaking with a soldier who was not Catholic and not married and was pregnant. He spoke to her about this extraordinary gift of life, and she chose to embrace this gift, instead of choosing abortion, which had been advocated by the father of the child.

Upon the conclusion of his tour with the Archdiocese for the Military Services, Father Dorsey was appointed Parochial Administrator of St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church, Altamonte Springs. Beloved people of God, welcome Father Christopher Dorsey with the Peace of Christ. Gather him into your parish community as he gathers you to be one with God.

Sincerely yours in Christ.

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