



About Father Vince



- Born in Wallsend on Tyne, England
- Ordained as a Roman Catholic priest in 1966
- Taught Greek and English Literature at St. Cuthbert's Seminary
- Emigrated to the U.S. in 1975
- First assignment in U. S. was Our Lady of Assumption Parish in Pueblo
- Other assignments in the Diocese of Pueblo include St. Francis Xavier, Durango and Delta
- Earned a Doctor of Ministry degree from Iliff School of Theology at University of Denver

Father Vince Ending Shrine Pastoral Tenure

Do you recognize the little boy whose picture appears on this page? Certainly, you do! He is our pastor, Father Vicente Paz en la Casa, or better known to us as Father Vince. The picture was taken when he was a young child growing up in England.

Born in Wallsend on Tyne, England, and later as an ordained priest teaching at St. Cuthbert's Seminary, he had a chance encounter with a Franciscan priest who had recently served in the Pueblo Diocese. His stories of this vast diocese in the Western part of the U. S. caught the interest of Father Vince. Thus, the strange and mysterious workings of God's Divine Providence brought Father Vince to serve the people of the Shrine Parish.

In July, he will complete eleven years as pastor of the Shrine of St. Therese community. Five years ago, he gave an interview to *The Rose* in which he listed his goals for the parish:

- ▲ completion and roofing of the cloister
- ▲ renovation of the church hall
- ▲ landscaping around the church and improving the parking area.

These goals and many more have been achieved, and now Father will assume the pastorship of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Grand Junction. He will arrive there in time for the blessing and opening of Grand Junction's new Catholic elementary school located on the grounds of the parish.

In answer to questions, what did Father do and what will you remember? The most unanimous answer from parishioners was his Sunday homilies. "Powerful, but down to earth," said one man.

Smiling, many cited his unusual but effective props or devices for his Sunday sermons: one time a big block of salt, bungee cords and poles, a swastika, a bicycle, posters and charts. "It caught your attention!"

On a more serious note, parishioners mentioned his beautiful and reverent celebration of the Mass, his encouragement of cultural events and musical concerts, his calm demeanor, and the respect he showed for another's point of view.

Parishioners will miss his British accent, his friendly presence and friendship, but realize once again Divine Providence is leading him forward in his journey. *May God's blessing go with him.* ✠



A farewell reception for Father Vince will be held Sunday, June 22, 2:00-4:30 p.m., in the parish hall

*A Pastoral
Perspective*

*The
Life and Times
of*

*Father Vincente
Paz en la Casa*

Born: Wallsend on Tyne, Northumberland, England

Education: Ushaw College, Durham, England, B.A. Philosophy, M.A. Sacred Theology; Regis University, Denver, CO., M.A. Philosophy; Illif School of Theology, Denver. Ph.D., Pastoral Ministry

Ordained: 1966 Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, England. Served as parish priest for inner city parish. Taught college for four years

Diocese of Pueblo: Incardinated in 1975; parishes served:
Assumption Parish, Pueblo; St. Francis Xavier, Pueblo; St. Columba Parish, Durango; St. Michael Parish, Delta; Shrine of St. Therese, Pueblo

Shrine of St. Therese: September, 1992 to July 2003. Major accomplishments:

- Invigorated campaign to build new church structure, 1992
- Spearheaded development of Tri-parish Youth Process, 1992
- Instituted bi-annual parish missions, 1993
- Church structure completed, 1994; dedicated January 28, 1995
- Hired development consultant, late 1995
- Added ministries: Stewardship and BDF, 1996
- Started staff restructuring, 1996
- Celebration for paying off church construction, 1997
- Parish census project begun in earnest, 1998
- Instituted Shrine 2000 Campaign, 1998
 - Church organ, 1998
 - Cloister, 1999
 - Renovation of parish hall, 2000
 - Parking lot and landscaping, ongoing
- Celebrated 50 years as a parish, 1998
- Constructed Rose Garden around Focal Tower, 1998
- Established new parish school September, 2000
Became regional diocesan school April, 2001
- Improvements to Church environment:
 - Stained glass window for Reconciliation Chapel; new paten and ciborium;
 - ambry for sacred oils; monstrance regilded; processional cross;
 - draperies for Our Lady of the Smile and Ambry; inside and outside creches;
 - bookcase for Hospitality Room;
 - reliquary (in progress); Sanctuary rail (in progress);
 - permanent reconciliation screen (in progress)
- Renovated parish office, 1999
- Realigned and added ministries: Liturgy, Welcoming, Visioning 2000
- Added ministry: Activities, 2002
- Added ministry: Caritas, 2003

Important Shrine Events



First Communion Sunday will be May 4, 2003 at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Fifth graders from the religious formation class will lead the 20 children into the church. Many hours of preparation will culminate in the reception of the Holy Eucharist for children and their families.

May Crowning of the Virgin Mary will take place following the 10:00 a.m. Mass, Sunday, May 11. Children from the religious formation classes will lead the procession. A fifth grade girl will be chosen to crown the statue. All children are welcome to participate.



Shrine K.C. Council Grows To 45 Active Members

Jeff Iberg, grand knight and 30 men formed the St. Therese Knights of Columbus Council in the year 2000. Jeff, who first joined the Knights while in the military service in San Diego in 1995, finds the group to be a wonderful bunch of guys. He is greatly encouraged to see the Shrine Council growing in membership, almost on a monthly basis. There are now 45 members.

The monthly Mexican breakfast being served by the Knights is a fund raiser for two projects. Three flag poles have been purchased and will be erected near the parish office where the U.S. flag, papal flag and Knights of Columbus flag will fly.

The second project will be a memorial to the unborn child. This statue will be placed in a memorial garden. While still raising funds for this project, the statue and garden are in the process of being designed.

Jeff is married to Lisa who serves on the parish council, and their two children attend religious education classes at the Shrine. Having the Knights Council at the Shrine adds to a vibrant parish life. We thank the Knights for their enthusiasm and assistance.

A church that had problems with outsiders parking in its parking lot, put up the following sign:

CHURCH CAR PARK—FOR MEMBERS ONLY
Trespassers will be baptized!

Dear GOD—From Kids

Dear GOD,

Instead of letting people die and having to make new ones, why don't You keep the ones you have?

—Amy

Dear GOD,

Maybe Cain and Abel would not kill each other so much if they had their own rooms. It works with my brother.

—Larry

Dear GOD,

If You watch me on Sunday, I'll show you my new shoes.

—Mickey

Dear GOD,

In school they told us what You do. Who does it when you are on vacation?

—Jane

Dear GOD,

Is it true my father won't get in Heaven if he uses his bowling words in the house?

—Anita

Dear GOD,

Did You mean for the giraffe to look like that or was it an accident?

—Jan

Dear GOD,

I went to this wedding and they kissed right in church. Is that okay?

Neil

Dear GOD

Thank you for my baby brother, but what I prayed for was a puppy.

—Joyce

Some Pictorial Highlights of



Top left, clockwise: Father Vince blesses food at St. Joseph table; preparation for First Communion; the blessing of animals; visiting with workers during construction of the new church; posing with Bishop Arthur Tafoya at the Statue of St. Therese.



Father Vince's Shrine Tenure



Top left, clockwise: Father Vince signs a cross on the forehead of a parishioner; blessing the ground before start of excavation for new church; speaking to well-wishers at his 35th anniversary dinner; visiting with new parishioners.



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