



Voice of the Faithful 20th Year Commemoration

Saturday, Oct. 29, 2022, Boston Marriott
Newton Hotel

Special Guest



Rev. William Clark, S.J., S.T.D.

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Rev. William Clark, S.J., S.T.D., is a member of the New England Province of the Society of Jesus, and has been a member of the Holy Cross faculty since 2001. He entered the Jesuits in 1982 and was ordained a priest in 1993, after studies that included an M.A. in philosophy from Loyola Chicago.

Following ordination and after serving for several years as a parish priest in Kingston, Jamaica, Fr. Clark returned to the Weston Jesuit School of Theology (now part of the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry) to complete doctoral studies in systematic theology. He also holds degrees from Williams College and the University of Chicago. He specialized in the role of local communities in Catholic ecclesiology and completed his doctorate degree in 2001 with a dissertation that was later revised and published as *A Voice of Their Own: The Authority of the Local Parish* (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical, 2005).

Since joining The College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Mass., Fr. Clark has continued to focus his scholarly work on the theology of parish and has written various articles, book chapters, dictionary entries, and reviews around that theme, and he has also presented many lectures and retreats for parishes and other church groups in New England, around the country, and abroad.

Fr. Clark teaches courses in the department of religious studies on Catholicism, Christian prayer, and the church. In addition to his academic work on the role of local church communities, he has extensive experience in parish pastoral work, retreat direction, and music ministry. He served as pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Kingston, Jamaica, for several years. A CD of his original Christian music, performed with a small group of musicians named "Spirit Call," is available from him, for the benefit of poor families in Jamaica.