

## Fr. Christopher P. Gray STL, KHS

is a priest of the Diocese of Salt Lake City who has studied theology in Rome and ministered in Utah. Formerly, he worked for the *Intermountain Catholic*, the newspaper of the Diocese of Salt Lake City, during which time he received awards from the Catholic Press Association of America for developing the newspaper's online presence.

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# **CURRICULUM VITÆ**

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Born: February 14, 1983

Parents: Deacon Forrest E. Gray (d. 2020) & Maria-Cruz F. Fernández de Gray Siblings: Jane M. Gray, Edward J. Gray

## **Present Assignment**

Pastor, <u>St. Mary of the Assumption</u>, Park City, Utah (since August 2018)

Dean of the Salt Lake Deanery (since 2021)

President of the Presbyteral Council of the Diocese of SLC (since 2024)

## **Primary Education**

St. Olaf Catholic School, Bountiful, Utah, 1988-90 & 1993-96 St. Catherine Labourré Catholic School, Wheaton, Md., 1990-93 Madeleine Choir School, Salt Lake City, Utah, 1996-97 (first MCS class) **Secondary Education** 

Judge Memorial Cath. High School, Salt Lake City, Utah, 1997-2001 **Undergraduate Education** 

University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah, 2001-07

**Pre-Theology** 

Mount Angel Seminary, St. Benedict, Ore., 2007-09

Major Seminary and further theological studies
Pontifical North American College, 2009-13

1st cycle: Pontifical Gregorian University, 2009-12 2nd cycle: Pontifical Lateran University, 2012-14 3rd cycle: Pointifical Lateran University, 2015-

For my doctoral work, I am expanding upon and continuing to develop themes I already presented in my license thesis. In my license thesis, I posit a way to recuperate an authentic meaning of beauty by showing that the search for beauty as described by St. Augustine is actually the search for Christ. I was awarded the License in Sacred Theology by the Pontifical Lateran University on June 25, 2014, Summa cum Laude.

Diaconate ordination: Oct. 4, 2012, Vatican Basilica **Priestly ordination**: June 29, 2013, Cathedral of the Madeleine

Oblate of the Abbazia di San Benedetto in Monte Knight of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem

#### **Work Experience**

Staff Writer, then Associate Editor, *Intermountain Catholic*, 2001-08 Organist, Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, Bountiful, Utah, 2001-05 Organist, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Magna, Utah, 2005-07

## **Previous Pastoral Assignments as a Priest**

June-September 2013: Parochial Vicar, Cathedral of the Madeleine September 2013-August 2014: Advanced Studies, PNAC August 2014-August 2015: Parochial Vicar, St.s Peter & Paul Church August 2015-July 2017: Advanced Studies, Casa Santa Maria August 2017-July 2018: Parochial Vicar, Cathedral of the Madeleine July 2020-July 2023: Planning and executing whole-diocese Eucharistic Rally

I have also served temporarily at St. Rose of Lima in Layton, Utah (July 2014) and taught at Judge Memorial Catholic High School in Salt Lake City, Utah (Feb. 2015). I was covering Our Lady of Lourdes in Magna, Utah, when it was vandalized (Aug. 2013), and I covered Christmas 2014 at St. James in Vernal, Utah, when the priest there was suddenly taken ill; likewise Christmas 2015 at Holy Family in South Ogden, Utah.

### Boards and other organizations served

Catholic Foundation of Utah, Trustee, 2022-present Holy Cross Ministries, Trustee, 2022-present

Modern Languages Spoken: English, Spanish, Italian

Interests: ancient music, history, mathematics, physics...