

Deacon Patric Nikolas SDS

Background: Patric grew up in San Jose, Calif., where his extracurricular high school activities included “just being a guy and having fun!” He studied music at California State University earning his bachelor of arts degree. A professional musician and arts executive, Patric also considered a career in the military. He became interested in religious life in 1993 when Gregorian chant disks were released by the Benedictine Monks of Santo Domingo de Silos. Then, during a philosophy class, he discovered Thomas Merton and St. Teresa of Jesus and says, “My intense interest kicked into high gear. It took a while, but I finally responded.” Before coming to the Salvatorians, he was a Secular Carmelite and Trappist Monk.

Why the Salvatorians: “This is a mystery to me. Despite having success and happiness in the world, I felt God was calling me to be a priest in an apostolic paradigm,” said Patric. “I can’t comprehend being anything else.”

Hobbies: His hobbies include working out and superhero comics. He enjoys fantasy, horror and science fiction books and movies in his free time. He also enjoys philosophy, theology and history.

Favorite Scripture: “The LORD says to my Lord: ‘Sit at my right hand, while I make your enemies your footstool.’ The scepter of your might: the LORD extends your strong scepter from Zion. Have dominion over your enemies! Yours is princely power from the day of your birth. In holy splendor before the daystar, like dew I begot you. The LORD has sworn and will not waver: ‘You are a priest forever in the manner of Melchizedek.’ At your right hand is the Lord, who crushes kings on the day of his wrath, who judges nations, heaps up corpses, crushes heads across the wide earth, who drinks from the brook by the wayside and thus holds high his head.”

- Psalm 110

Favorite Dessert: Most things chocolate qualify as his favorites.

Now Ministering at: St. Pius X Church in Wauwatosa, WI

