

## Journey toward priesthood

Putting into practice all the lessons learned during his seminary studies, Cl. Marcel Emeh took time to reflect and share insights from his diaconate year, which immersed him into every aspect of parish and community life at Most Holy Trinity in Tucson, AZ.

“It was a busy and fruitful diaconate year for me. I was honored to celebrate baptisms and committal services, to preach for Masses all week long and teach,” he said. Ministering to the homeless and hungry through social justice programs and providing part time pastoral care at the local hospital provided practical occasions to pray, listen, counsel and help people at the parish and the surrounding area.

“I love the words of baptism, most especially where the minister says, ‘I claim you for Christ, and I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit’; that is through the invocation of the Most Holy Trinity,” said Marcel. “I have been called on to celebrate committal – graveside ceremonies; my empathy for the families grieving for the death of their loved ones is great.”

As Marcel prepares for life after ordination he noted, “My takeaway is that collaboration with the laity and others is essential in our ministry as Salvatorians.”



“Fr. Marcel enjoys the celebration of baptism.”