



My name is Father Tri John-Bosco Nguyen. The middle name is my Patron Saint's name, St. John Bosco, to whom I have a great devotion. My friends call me JB but I am more known as Tri or Father Tri (pronounced as "tree" or as in "Trinidad").

I was born in Vietnam and came to the United States with my family when I was a teenager. I first joined the Salesians of St. John Bosco Society in my early college years and completed my undergraduate in Education, when I also completed my Philosophy program at Seton Hall University while being a Salesian brother. The Salesians is a religious order, founded by Saint John Bosco, with the mission to serve poor youth and evangelization around the world. I did not make perpetual vows with the Salesians. After taking a break

for some years, working as teacher and college student counselor, I joined the Archdiocese of Atlanta, was sent to St. Vincent Seminary in Latrobe, PA, where Father Byrd had been a Liturgy professor before I began. I was ordained in 2012 and assigned to St. Peter Chanel in Roswell. I was then assigned to St. Brigid in Johns Creek to be the Parochial Vicar. In 2018, I was appointed to be Vocations Director where I have been serving until this assignment to Our Lady of the Mountains.

My background and professional experience is education and formation. I bring this passion into my priestly ministry and it has been giving me much joy and satisfaction. I have a great love for the rich heritage of Christian spirituality in our Church that manifests itself in the multitude of saints. It was the reading about the Saints at the young age that planted the seed of religious and priesthood vocation in me ever since I was a kid. Some of my favorite Saints are St. John Bosco, obviously, St. Francis de Sales, St. Ignatius, Pope Saint John XXIII, St. Theresa Lisieux, and lately, Blessed Carlo Acutis. I can talk about the Saints all day. That is why I felt so much at home the first-time walking into Our Lady of the Mountain Church, seeing the space was filled with images of the Saints.

My parents and all of my friends inside and outside of the Church circle are located

around metro Atlanta. I visit and spend time with them often, so moving to Jasper will take some adjustment on my personal life. At the same time, I love new experiences and particularly enjoy traveling. That is what I usually do on my day-offs or my vacations.

I can't wait to share the journey of faith with you for the up coming years. I truly believe that where God is leading us and what God allows to happen in our lives are to help us grow closer to Him and to be more fit for the eternal happiness with Him. I am looking forward to this experience with you and with Our Lady of the Mountains Parish.