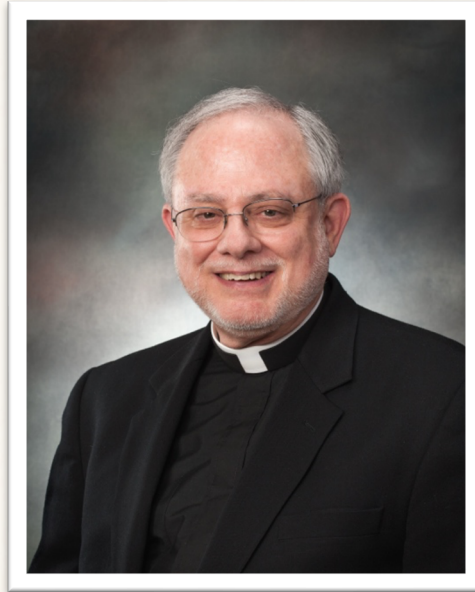


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FR. JAMES SWIFT, C.M.

A native of Wichita, Kansas, Vincentian Fr. Swift was ordained in 1978. Except for doctoral studies in Rome and serving as Provincial Superior of the Midwest Province of the Vincentian Community, he has spent his priestly years serving in diocesan seminaries in St. Louis, Dallas, and Houston, helping prepare men to be diocesan priests. In that ministry, Fr. Swift has taught theology and liturgy and served as a spiritual director for seminarians. At various times over the years, he was the Seminary Director of Spiritual Formation, the Director of Worship, the Director of the Masters of Arts program, and the Rector.

In addition to his seminary ministry, Father has directed the initial formation program for the permanent deacon program of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, assisted the pastor of a St. Louis Maronite Catholic parish for fifteen years, served on the Board of Trustees at DePaul University in Chicago, and chaired the Papal Mass Committee for the visit of Pope St. John Paul II in 1999. He has also led parish missions in the Midwest and offered sacramental and spiritual ministry to diocesan priests serving in Midwest rural dioceses.

Most recently, Fr. Swift has returned to St. Louis in order to serve as Director of Seminarians for the Vincentian Western Province.