

# Fr. Larry Richards Fact Sheet

- ❖ Born March 26, 1960 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
- ❖ Graduated from St. Mark's Seminary High School in 1979.
- ❖ Graduated with a BA degree in Mental Health Counseling from Gannon University in 1983.
- ❖ Received a Citation from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives in May of 1986 for his work with the Tornado Relief effort in North West Pennsylvania.
- ❖ Graduated from St. Vincent Seminary with a Master of Divinity degree in Theology, graduating with high honors in 1987.
- ❖ On October 15, 1988 was ordained to the Diaconate by Bishop Michael Murphy.
- ❖ On April 21, 1989 was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Erie, Pennsylvania by Bishop Michael Murphy.
- ❖ From 1991 to 1997 Catholic Chaplain Penn State University the Behrend College.
- ❖ From 1995 to 2003 Teacher and director of Campus Ministry of Cathedral Preparatory School for Boys.
- ❖ From 1995 to present - Spiritual director of the DME (Divine Mercy Encounter) Retreat Program for the Diocese of Erie (formerly TEC [To Encounter Christ]).
- ❖ In 1997 was assigned moderator of the Bread of Life Community
- ❖ July 1, 2002, became pastor of St. Joseph Church/Bread of Life Community.
- ❖ August 30, 2004, founded "The Reason For Our Hope Foundation."
- ❖ October 2005, The Reason For Our Hope Foundation reissues updated versions of previous CDs and begins new series.
- ❖ In 2005, Father Larry Richards began to host a radio show called "*Changed Forever with Father Larry Richards*".
- ❖ October 2009, release of first book entitled "Be a Man! Becoming the Man God Created You To Be", authored by Father Larry Richards.
- ❖ September 2011, release of second book entitled, "Surrender! The Life-Changing Power of Doing God's Will".

- ❖ March 2012, guest on the EWTN televised programs “*Living Right with Dr. Ray*”.
- ❖ September 2013, release of Catholic Men’s Bible, NABRE, with introduction and instructions by Fr. Larry.
- ❖ April 2014, the host for the EWTN radio show called “*The Reason For Our Hope*”.
- ❖ July 2014, release of Scripture Desk Calendar entitled “No Bible, No Breakfast! No Bible, No Bed!”
- ❖ August 2014, EWTN broadcasts a Mini-Series entitled “*Be A Man*”.
- ❖ September 2014, the host for a live EWTN radio show called “*Open Line*”.
- ❖ September 2014, a guest on EWTN televised program “*Crossing the Goal*”.