

**SETON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
HALL OF FAME
CLASS OF 2014**

**Reverend Christopher J. Fraser, JCL
Class of 1989**

"Distinguished Alumnus Award"

Reverend Christopher J. Fraser was born on July 12, 1971 in West Palm Beach, Florida to Donald and Jane Fraser. The family continued to grow when two more siblings came along, Michelle (Cannon) and Kelly (Prendergast).

When his father, Donald Fraser, was transferred with the company to Arizona, the Fraser family picked up and left their Florida roots to live in Chandler, Arizona; a place that most friends and family had never even heard of! Despite moving to the Southwest, the Fraser family would retain its proud allegiance to the Miami Dolphins football team, which continues to this very day under the faithful vigilance of Mom Fraser.

Fr. Chris attended Queen of Peace Catholic School in Mesa, Arizona with his two younger sisters, and upon graduation in 1985, entered Seton Catholic as a freshman.

While at Seton Catholic, Fr. Chris immersed himself in student life, and took advantage of living and studying in a small, Catholic, and cohesive student community. Fr. Chris joined the Track and Field Team in his sophomore year, when the school decided to revive the sports program after many decades of abandonment. Since all previous records for the Seton Track and Field Team had been lost in the move from the previous campus in downtown Chandler, Fr. Chris and his teammates became instant "school record holders" in every event they participated in. This meant that Fr. Chris's personal best of 13 minutes and 22 seconds in the two-mile race would stand as a school record for nearly three years! This accomplishment is as amazing as it is pathetic, particularly in light of the fact that at that time, the Arizona high school record was somewhere in the vicinity of 9 and 1/2 minutes. But, Fr. Chris does enjoy the distinction of having competed in Track events with Marc Olivier, who later became an All American sprinter at the University of Arizona. In addition to setting school records in Track, Fr. Chris was a member of the National Honor Society, participated in many school activities and fundraisers, and even shares the distinction with three other classmates for taking Latin from Mr. Mariner all four years.

After graduation from Seton Catholic in 1989, Fr. Chris attended Arizona State University where he earned a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Business in 1994. Upon graduation, he was employed at the School of Law at Arizona State University until 1996. Having discerned a vocation to the Priesthood for some years, Fr. Chris applied

to the Diocese of Phoenix to be accepted as a seminarian. After approval by Bishop O'Brien, Fr. Chris entered St. Meinrad Seminary in southern Indiana where he studied for the priesthood. He received a Master of Divinity from St. Meinrad School of Theology in 2001 and was ordained a priest on June 2, 2001. Fr. Chris's parish assignments were Parochial Vicar of SS. Simon and Jude Cathedral and St. Andrew the Apostle.

In 2004, Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted, sent Fr. Chris to the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. to study Canon Law. In August of 2006, Fr. Chris completed his studies and was granted the licentiate in Canon Law. After graduating from the School of Canon Law at Catholic University, Fr. Chris moved back to Phoenix to work full-time in the diocesan Tribunal, where he has served as the Judicial Vicar since December of 2007.

Fr. Chris currently assists with daily Masses at two convents during the week and on Sundays is usually found in various mission parishes on one of the Reservations serving the Native Americans. His mother is retired in Chandler and his father is watching from Heaven. Fr. Chris is proud to be known as "Uncle" Father Chris to his 6 nieces and nephews.