



THE MOST REVEREND TIMOTHY FREYER AUXILIARY BISHOP



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BISHOP TIMOTHY FREYER

The life and clerical roots of Auxiliary Bishop Timothy Freyer run deep in the California soil. He was born in Los Angeles, grew up in Huntington Beach, and has been with the Diocese of Orange since his ordination as a priest on June 10, 1989.

From his first appointment as an associate pastor at St. Hedwig's church in Los Alamitos to his appointment and consecration as auxiliary bishop, on Jan. 17, 2017, Bishop Freyer has been a key clergy member in the Diocese of Orange.

Bishop Freyer is the first of two auxiliary bishops appointed to the growing Diocese of Orange to assist Bishop Kevin Vann with pastoral and administrative needs. He was later joined by Auxiliary Bishop Thanh Thai Nguyen.

After working as pastor at a number of churches in the diocese, Bishop Freyer has held several diocesan administrative posts. He is fluent in Spanish and the first of his ordination class to be elevated to bishop.

Bishop Freyer was named Episcopal Vicar for Priests in 2012, with responsibility for the care and ongoing formation of the priests of the diocese. He was also the first bishop's liaison to the Jovenes para Cristo (Young Adults for Christ) movement from 1998-2004. He helped the group write and revise its statutes and plan of formation.

The bishop was a founding board member of the Orange County Family Justice Center, formerly Anaheim Family Justice Center, which assists victims of domestic violence. He served two terms as a member of the board of trustees for St. Jude Medical Center in Fullerton.

Bishop Freyer is also a police chaplain with the Anaheim Police Department.

He earned a bachelor's degree from St. John's Seminary College in Camarillo and did his graduate work in theology there as well.

Bishop Freyer is the only child of Jerry and Patricia Freyer. His father died in 1977 and his mother resides in Huntington Beach.

