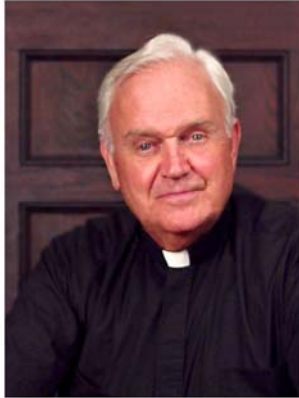


Rev. Paul J. Lehman

Priest, Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Newark

Spiritual Director, BLD Newark & Couples for Christ (NJ/NY)



Rev. Paul J. Lehman was born in Elizabeth, New Jersey on July 5, 1928 to Anthony & Helen Lehman. He is the elder of two children. Fr. Paul's family traces its roots to Ireland and Germany. Although the Lehman family moved to Roselle Park in 1938, they continued to belong to their first parish - St. Michael's in Elizabeth. Paul was baptized and served as an altar boy in this parish. Anthony and Helen introduced Paul and his sister Cordelia to prayer and the Catholic faith at an early age. Paul attended Catholic schools: St. Michael's Grammar School in Elizabeth and Seton Hall Prep in South Orange. Paul's Catholic home environment and education nurtured the call to priesthood that he felt when he was 9 years old.

In pursuit of this priestly calling, Paul attended Seton Hall College in 1946, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1950. Beginning in 1948, Paul went through his preparation for priesthood at the Darlington Seminary in Ramsey, N J. On May 29, 1954, Paul was ordained as a Roman Catholic priest by Archbishop Thomas Boland at the St. Patrick's Pro-Cathedral in Newark.

Fr. Paul's first assignment was as an assistant pastor at St. John's Parish in Bergenfield from 1954-1964. This was followed by his assignment as administrator to the Sacred Heart Parish in Haworth in 1964. Three years later, Fr. Paul was appointed as Chaplain at the Martland Hospital in Newark. After spending 4 months in a monastery in Elmira, New York in 1973, Fr. Paul served the St. Michael's Parish in Newark.

From 1975-1985, Fr. Paul served as pastor of his home parish - St. Michael's in Elizabeth. On June 10, 1977, Fr. Paul was baptized in the Spirit in Steubenville, Ohio. This ushered in Fr. Paul's active involvement in the Catholic Charismatic movement, which included extensive interactions with covenant communities and prayer groups. For four months during his sabbatical year in 1985-86, Fr. Paul visited the Philippines and stayed with the Ligaya ng Panginoon community. When he returned to the US, Fr. Paul served the St. Aedan's Parish in Jersey City from 1986-1989. His next assignment was as pastor of the St. Antoninus Parish in Newark, the only Catholic Charismatic parish in New Jersey. Fr. Paul served St. Antoninus from 1989-1999.

In 1996, the then Archbishop Theodore McCarrick appointed Fr. Paul as the Spiritual Director of BLD Newark and Couples for Christ, New Jersey/New York. Fr. Paul serves these communities to this day. Fr. Paul retired from his parish duties in 1999 but continues to minister to God's people and to give teachings, retreats and other faith seminars in the US & Canada.

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