

**Fr. Larry Richards Bio:**

Fr. Larry Richards is a popular, captivating preacher, and a favorite speaker at Catholic men's conferences. He also serves as the pastor of an inner city parish, St. Joseph Church/Bread of Life Community in Erie, Pennsylvania. Fr. Richards has been a high school chaplain, a counselor and an evangelist. He has directed hundreds of retreats and parish missions around the United States. His inspirational and challenging talks have changed the hearts, minds and lives of millions world wide.

Born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Fr. Richards attended college seminary at Gannon University where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Mental Health Counseling in 1983. He continued his studies at the major seminary at St. Vincent in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, and received his Masters of Divinity degree in 1987. He will soon complete his Master of Arts degree in Liturgy from the University Of Notre Dame. Fr. Larry Richards was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Erie in 1989.

He is the founder of The Reason for Our Hope Foundation and the Spiritual Director of TEC (To Encounter Christ) Retreat Program for the Diocese of Erie.