



FR. LARRY HEMMELGARN, C.P.P.S.

I dreamed of being a priest from little on. I always pictured myself saying Mass at my little country parish, taking care of the people I

had known since I was born. Things didn't turn out as I expected— they are even better. As a priest I have lived and studied in Rome, ministered in urban parishes and a small chapel at a shelter for women escaping from abusive relationships. I travel frequently to our Latin American missions there. I have friends from coast to coast and around the world. And the best part is, I still celebrate midnight Mass on Christmas Eve at my little country parish.



FR. MATT LINK, C.P.P.S.

I love being a priest even more than I ever thought I would.

A vocation is a great gift. I had a career as a teacher, which I loved. But God called me to something

else. As I explored the possibilities, I found the Missionaries of the Precious Blood. I was already over 30, but they had such a sense of openness toward me. They didn't think I was too old, or too broken. Their formation wasn't about fitting everyone into one mold. So much of their spirituality comes from knowing that the divine blood is within each one of us. This sense of the blood of Christ flowing in the veins of all of us is a good image to hold.

MISSIONARIES OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

We are a community of priests, brothers and Companions (lay associates) who bring the Good News to the whole world, and to our own back yard. We minister as pastors, preachers, teachers, chaplains and in many other ways as missionaries in the United States and in countries around the world.

**We welcome seekers
and will encourage you
on your way.**

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But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near through the blood of Christ. (EPH. 2:13)

You may not know exactly where you are going but we guarantee: follow Jesus Christ and you will go farther than your wildest dreams.



BOB JANSEN, C.P.P.S.

I grew up in a town with two stoplights. During my formation as a candidate to the priesthood, I spent a year at an urban parish in Los Angeles. People like to

ask me about the differences, but one of the things I learned was how much we are all the same. When Hispanic teenagers roll their eyes at something their parents say, you don't have to understand Spanish to know what they are thinking.



BR. ROB REUTER, C.P.P.S.

I minister to college students. Before I entered formation, I was "Professor Reuter" to them. Now I'm "Br. Rob." Although I'm

the same person, being Br. Rob makes a huge difference in how they interact with me, how much they open up to me.

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share a commitment to reach out to those who are lost or forsaken.

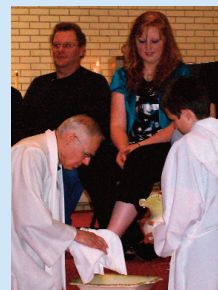
Precious Blood priests

serve as pastors, preachers, teachers, reconcilers, authors, retreat leaders, chaplains and in many other ministries. They take great joy in celebrating the sacraments. They are encouraged to dream new dreams, to follow God's call in the tradition of their founder, St. Gaspar del Bufalo, to serve the people of God in ways that will invigorate God's Church.



Precious Blood priests talk about their vocation:

- "Who will speak (for the poor, the lonely, the abandoned) if we don't? This isn't just my voice. This is the voice of Jesus calling out for all people."
- "Religious vocations are found in saints and sinners alike, in people who have always been faithful, and in those who have made a return to the Lord through a moment of grace."
- "We believe that the Eucharist is life. Life for all. But we can't stop there. We can't simply stay in the belief mode. The Eucharist calls us to share the love of God with the entire world."



Precious Blood Companions

are lay men and women who share in the life of the Missionaries. They dedicate themselves to live out the spirituality of the Precious Blood at home, at work, and in their many ministries.



Precious Blood brothers



serve as teachers, preachers, artists, chaplains, vocation ministers, as musicians and sacristans, in parishes and schools, in hospitals and in **many other ministries.**

The potential of their life in the Congregation and the Church is as limitless as the Holy Spirit's calling.

Precious Blood brothers describe their lives:

- "A brother is a man who shares the life force of the Precious Blood, who walks hand-in-hand with others and reaches out to those in need."
- "Brothers are bridge-builders between the ordained clergy and the laity."
- "We have got to have room for brothers who want to live simply in our Community, for those who work behind the scenes."

Precious Blood priests and brothers live as family to each other, and find in each other the support and friendship that sustains them in their ministries

No matter where and how they serve,

**Precious Blood priests,
brothers and
Companions
think of themselves
as missionaries.**