

## **Biography of Very Rev. Msgr. Jeffrey M. Monforton Rector of Sacred Heart Major Seminary**

Jeffrey Marc Monforton was born on May 5, 1963 in Detroit to Marc Louis Monforton and Virginia Rose (Ackerman) Monforton. He is the eldest of three sons. David is the middle son and Daniel is the youngest.

Very Rev. Msgr. Monforton attended Tinkham Elementary School in Westland, Michigan, followed by his attendance at John Marshall Junior High and graduation from Wayne Memorial High School in Wayne, Michigan.

Monsignor Jeffrey Monforton attended Wayne State University after which he entered Sacred Heart Major Seminary and subsequently graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy in 1989.

While residing at the North American College in Rome he received his Bachelors in Sacred Theology (S.T.B.) in 1992 and a Licentiate in Sacred Theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. Later, as a priest, he was awarded a Doctorate in Sacred Theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University.

On June 25, 1994, Monsignor. Monforton was ordained a priest at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Detroit, by Archbishop Adam Maida. Following ordination, he served in the Archdiocese of Detroit as associate pastor at the National Shrine of the Little Flower, Royal Oak, from 1994 through 1996. He also served on the faculty at the parish high school for two academic years in the Department of Religion.

Monsignor Monforton served as personal priest secretary to Cardinal Adam Maida for seven years, from 1998-2005. In addition to his responsibilities to Cardinal Maida, since 2002, he has been a member of the Sacred Heart Major Seminary faculty. Weekend assistant assignments included St. Paul on the Lake, Grosse Pointe Farms, from 1998-2002 and St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Sterling Heights, from 2002-2005.

In April of 2005, he traveled with Cardinal Maida to the Vatican and remained there for the funeral Mass of Pope John Paul II, the conclave, and the election of Pope Benedict XVI.

Monsignor Monforton became pastor of St. Thérèse of Lisieux Church, Shelby Township, on July 1, 2005, and continues to lead a Bible Study at St. Thérèse of Lisieux Church in 2010. Also in 2005, Pope Benedict XVI conferred the title of Monsignor upon him as Chaplain to His Holiness.

He was named an Apostolic Visitor by the Congregation for Catholic Education to participate in the recent Apostolic Visitation of United States' seminaries and houses of formation in the academic year of 2005-2006.

In 2006, Monsignor Monforton became a member of the Madonna University Board of Trustees.

Very Rev. Msgr. Jeffrey Monforton was named by Cardinal Maida the twelfth rector of Sacred Heart Major Seminary on August 24, 2006. He was formally installed as rector on October 29. Since 2008, he has been a Board Member of the American Friends of the Vatican Library.

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