

Fr. David Carrano

I grew up in Stoughton, WI where I attended St. Ann's Catholic School and Stoughton High. During my years at UW Madison I experienced a deeper conversion and began discerning a call to the Priesthood. I was ordained in 2010 and have served in 5 assignments prior to coming to Green County (Pastorate I I). I have been the Pastor of St. John the Baptist, Montello and Good Shepherd, Westfield (2012-14); Sacred Heart, Reedsburg (2014-20); and Good Shepherd, Madison (2020-23).

What drew me to the priesthood is, above all, the wondrous mystery of the Eucharist. Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is my life. I love being a Priest: serving God, serving the Church, and celebrating the Sacred Mysteries. It is full of great blessings and challenges, and continually requires me to rely more and more on the Lord for everything. He is faithful and cannot be outdone in generosity! I have particularly found joy in supporting small groups/small Christian communities, hearing Confessions, leading prayer/Adoration, and proclaiming the Word. I speak Spanish, and am committed to serving the Hispanic community in our Pastorate.

Personally, I like staying active, biking, skiing, golfing, camping - whatever the weather allows, and spending time with my family in the Madison area.

I am looking forward to coming to Pastorate I I and getting to know the Catholic Community there and walking with you as together we deepen our commitment as disciples of Jesus Christ and fall more deeply in love with Him, who is Love itself.

Fr. Chahm Gahng

Hello, I am Fr. Chahm Gahng. I am originally from South Korea but I was fortunate to spend time in both my home country and the United States while growing up. I have three siblings, a younger sister and two younger brothers. My sister and my youngest brother are currently residing in the US while the other brother is in Korea. In regards to personality, folks say I'm easy to approach and down to earth (I hope that's true). Outside of ministry, I enjoy planning or looking at what's next on my to-do list. However, that doesn't guarantee that I'm always productive.

I originally studied for the Archdiocese of Seoul, South Korea and later joined the Diocese of Madison where I would be ordained in 2015 (the same year as Fr. Tafadzwa). Before my ordination, I spent time at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Madison learning from Monsignor Charles Schluter. I am grateful for getting to know Monsignor Schluter along with the parishioners of St. Peter as well as Father Jim McEnery and Father Roger Nilles. Father Jim taught the importance of having a sense of humor in both life and ministry while one remembers Father Nilles for his love for nature and his wisdom of looking after the blue birds.

Previous parishes that I have been assigned to include Sacred Hearts in Sun Prairie, where I was the assistant priest, and Saint Michael the Archangel Parish in Mount Horeb. The mentoring of Monsignor Duane Moellenberndt during my time at Sacred Hearts has been a great foundation for my ministry. One can never forget Monsignor Moellenberndt's ministry for the sick and the homebound. However, his love and care for his elderly parents is perhaps what remains dear in the memories of oneself and the parishioners of Sacred Hearts.

I hope and pray that with the experience and graces one has received from God in the past, I may provide for the people of our pastorate and, most importantly, make Christ present. Moreover, I look forward to the time we will share as we continue the journey to our Father's Kingdom.

Fr. Joseph Bellamkonda

I am Fr. Joseph Bellamkonda, and I was born in 1983 in the countryside of the southern part of India. I have one elder sister, and she is married. As a young boy, I studied in a native village up to 5th grade, and then I went to boarding school, which was run by Diocesan Educational Society for the poor children of the Diocese. There I completed tenth grade. After 10th grade, I joined the seminary to become a diocesan priest of Warangal. I have successfully completed 13 years of formation, and I was ordained a priest on April 26, 2011. The motto of priestly ministry is "God, who from my mother's womb had set me apart and called me through his grace" (Gal 1:15).

I served as Director and Vice Principal of 11th and 12th grade students for one year (2011-2012). The following year, I served as Assistant Director at Engineering College run by the diocese (2012-2013). Then, the bishop appointed me as pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Devagiripatnam, and I served for five years (2013-2018). The bishop asked me to take on a new mission and open up a school for the poor and needy of the locality. I tirelessly worked for four years (2018-2022) for the growth and development of the institution. By the time I left, nearly 250 students were in the school.

A new era in my life began with a call from my bishop asking me to go for the ministry in the USA. I spent time in prayer and seeking the will of God, and I said yes to him and prepared myself to move on to the Diocese of Madison. I owe my sincere heartfelt thanks to the Diocese of Madison for giving me the opportunity to work here. I landed in Waunakee and Westport on June 20, 2022, and it's been a year working with Monsignor James Gunn. There are a lot of things here that astound me and that people have taught me. The faith of the people is incredible. I always cherish the beauty and snow of the seasons of Wisconsin. I am excited to move further to Belleville, to render my services, and to be loyal to my responsibilities. May our Mother Mary accompany us in our journey and help us to grow in holiness. May God bless us all.