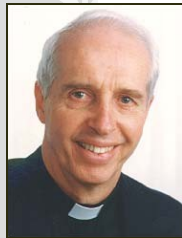


We asked three PFIC associates,

What are the joys of a lifetime of priesthood?

When I am preaching, it's a joy to hear the guilt falling on the floor. The chains of bad habits shatter while I say, "Relax, put Jesus in control."

–Fr. Val LaFrance, O.P., Itinerant Preacher
(S.T.B., 1957; ordained June 5, 1958)



The joy of being a priest: celebrating Mass, preaching and teaching the Word, knowing Christ is with me, and bringing other people to know him.

–Fr. Francis Martin, Professor of Scripture
(PFIC: 1985-1997, 2008-2010; ordained December 23, 1956)

Working in the missions and seeing poor and simple people taking to heart the good news of Scripture and being blessed by the sacraments is wonderful, a gift of God.

–Fr. Luke Turon, O.P., Missionary in Pakistan
(S.T.L., 1956; ordained June 9, 1955)



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Inspired by St. Thomas Aquinas, O.P.; Summa Theologiae Suppl., q. 35, a. 1



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