

Father Edward F. Ogden, O.S.F.S.

Ed Ogden is a native of Philadelphia born to Elizabeth and Edward on October 19, 1958. He is the second oldest of five children (three boys and two girls). He is a 1977 graduate of Northeast Catholic High School. He attended Allentown College and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Theology in 1982. He taught Theology in five Oblate high schools—Northeast Catholic, Holy Name, Bishop Ireton, Paul VI, and Salesianum School. Ed continued his education by earning two master of arts degrees—one from La Salle University (Philadelphia, PA) in Pastoral Studies in 1990 and the other from the DeSales School of Theology (Washington, DC) in Roman Catholic Studies in 1993. It was during his years as a teacher that his students gave him the nickname “Bred” (a contraction for Brother Ed), a name which pleases him for what it says about his rapport with the students and for its Eucharistic implications.



Ed, Kathy, Jo-Ann, Jim, Easter 2017



Bishop John Barres “laying on of hands” at my priesthood ordination.

Ed was a religious brother in the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales for 30 years before his ordination to the priesthood, which took place on June 27, 2013. During his ministry as a brother, he was a theology teacher (Paul VI Catholic HS in Fairfax, VA and Salesianum School in Wilmington, DE); an administrator (Executive Director for the DeSales Center for Lay Spirituality, which promoted the spirituality of Saints Francis de Sales and Jane de Chantal, and he was the founding principal of Nativity Prep, a tuition-free middle school for boys from low-income families in Wilmington, Delaware); and Director of Formation for the Wilmington-Philadelphia Province. Upon ordination, Fr. Ed served as campus minister at Georgetown Visitation, Pastor of the St. Thomas More Oratory as well as Chaplain for the University of Delaware, Dean of Students at DeSales University, and Parochial Vicar at St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

Ed has two sisters, Kathy and Jo-Ann, and one brother, James, eight adult nieces and nephews, and a grand niece and nephew. His younger brother Bill died from an accidental opioid overdose in January 2014 after years of struggling with drug addiction. He is a passionate Eagles fan—a favorite memory was celebrating hosting a Super Bowl party for 150 parishioners at St. Thomas More Oratory rectory in 2018, and then afterwards celebrating on main street Newark, Delaware. He loves to exercise and ride his bike, take nature walks, go to the movies, and spend quality time with family and friends.

