



They Were Men Who Thought ...

Did you know that Our Holy Redeemer has been calling men to "follow Me" in the Priesthood for nearly two thousand years and that many of those men have come from right here in Freeport, New York? It's true. According to our 2003 Parish Journal and the hard work of homegrown OHR-Vocation to Consecrated Life Sister Dorothy Lynch, C.I.J, eighteen men were chosen by God to be "fishers of men". Their names are:

Rev. Rian John Carson, O.F.M., Rev. Father Brian Patrick Dunkle, S.J. (*currently an Assistant Professor of Historical Theology at Boston College*), Rev. Father William Fisher, Rev. Father Thomas Fisher, Rev. Flaherty, Msgr. Thomas S. Forker, Rev. Father Francis Glover, S.J., Rev. Monsignor Leo J. Goggin (+1999), Rev. Father James Hahn, O.P., Rev. Father Rene Hashey, S.J., Rev. Father Donald Hopkins, SAM, Rev. Father Basil M. Pennington, O.C.S.O. (1931 – 2005), Rev. Peter Damian Preziosi, O.F.M. (1932 – 1977), Rev. Father Gustave A. Sigivart, S.D.B., Rev. Father Brian Smith, S.J., **Rev. Father Robert J. Sweeney (currently the Pastor of Church of the Holy Rosary, Greenwood Lake, N.Y.)**, Rev. Monsignor Charles Swiger (+2001).



Like many of the men (perhaps you or a man you know) living in Freeport today, these Freeporters from the past, thought they might marry and become husbands and fathers. They were men who liked to sing songs and thought that they might become the next Frank Sinatra or **Bing Crosby** (both of whom *portrayed* Priests in the movies) and sing at Madison Square Garden. They were men who liked to play *Cowboys and Indians* as boys and thought they might grow up to become an Army General like Douglas MacArthur or a Rear Admiral in the Navy like Alan Shepard. They were men who liked to walk the trails of Bethpage State Park and thought that they might become a world explorer like

Christopher Columbus or Juan Ponce De Leon, or even an out-of-this-world explorer like John Glenn. They were men who liked to be on stage in school and thought that they might grow up to be an actor like Gary Cooper or James Stewart. They were men who liked to play baseball and thought that they would grow up to play for the New York Yankees or the New York Mets. They were men who liked to play Soccer and thought they might become the next **Pele**.



Yes, they were men (and at one time boys) from Freeport's past who thought about becoming one thing, but grew up to become **all things to all men** (cf. I Corinthians ix:19-22). Yes, they grew up and became Priests! In fact, one of the men from Freeport's not-too-distant past, Br. Pierre Toussaint Guiteau, C.F.R., is growing up and is scheduled to be Ordained a Priest on 26 May 2018. (Please pray for him.)

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Give thanks to Brothers in your life!
Inspire and invite young people to consider the Brothers vocation!

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Thinking boys (thanks be to God and the De La Salle School at Our Holy Redeemer) are still a part of daily life here in Freeport. This Tuesday, those boys will be celebrating the Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker and **Religious Brothers Day**. Please join me in asking Saint Joseph to help these boys think about the work that God has entrusted them with not only in school, but in the world where God knows we can certainly use men who think (and work) like **the De La Salle Brothers of the Christian Schools!**