

Monsignor Bracken

Monsignor Bracken was born in Richmond Hill, Queens the son of Margaret and John Bracken. His great grandparents emigrated from Westmeath, Dublin and Tipperary. Monsignor attended St. Benedict Joseph Labre Grammar School and Cathedral Prep in Brooklyn. Monsignor studied at St Mary's Seminary and the University of Baltimore. He was ordained a priest on May 25, 1967.

In 1977, Monsignor was appointed Vicar for Temporalities for the Diocese of Brooklyn by Bishop Daily where he oversaw the administration of the Diocese's material goods and properties.

Monsignor was appointed as an Episcopal Vicar by Bishop Francis J. Mugavero in 1984.

In 1991 Bishop Thomas Dailey appointed Monsignor as the Director of Stewardship and Development. In that position, he directed a very successful capital campaign and raised over \$77 million and also directed the establishment of the Alive In Hope Foundation now known as The Catholic Foundation for Brooklyn and Queens.

In 2004, Bishop DiMarzio named him Vicar General for Temporalities where he served until 2009.

Monsignor has since served as Administrator of Holy Name Parish, Park Slope, St. Frances de Sales Parish, Belle Harbor, St. Teresa Parish, Woodside and Our Lady of Christians Parish in Brooklyn.

In January, 2014 he was assigned Administrator of St. Frances de Sales in Belle Harbor and also serves as Director of Patrimony for the Diocese.

Monsignor is also a member of the Board of Trustees of St. Francis College in Brooklyn.