

Autobiography

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I was born on June 25, 1946 in New York City to Michael Carney and Catherine Morgan Carney. My parents, now deceased, were born in Ireland and immigrated to the US in the 1920's.

I attended grades 1-12 at Catholic schools in NYC. (St. Ann's and Holy Cross HS in Flushing) I graduated from Providence College, Providence, Rhode Island in 1967 with a BA in Political Science. Upon graduation, I was commissioned an officer in the US Army and served 20 years. In my career as an infantry officer, I served two years in Vietnam, five years in Germany and one year in Korea. I was airborne and Ranger qualified. I also completed assignments at the Pentagon and other locations in the US. I received a Masters of Military Arts and Science from The Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. I retired as a Lieutenant Colonel on August 1, 1987.

Having been accepted as a seminarian for the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, I began seminary studies at Mount Angel Seminary in St. Benedict, Oregon in August, 1987. I received a Masters of Divinity degree and graduated from Mount Angel in May, 1991.

On May 18, 1991, I was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. My first assignment was as a parochial vicar at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Rio Rancho, NM (a suburb of Albuquerque). After one year, I was assigned as pastor of Holy Child Parish in Tijeras, NM and served in that capacity for ten years. In addition to my assignment as pastor, I was appointed as the vocation director for the archdiocese in April, 1993. I served as VD until June 2002. In June 2002, I became pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Los Alamos, NM. Finally, in 2013, I was assigned as pastor of the Church of the Incarnation in Rio Rancho. I will retire from active service as a priest in June, 2016. Of course, I will still be a Catholic priest in good standing and able to perform the same duties as an active priest.

Resume of Military Service

06Jun1967	Commissioned 2d Lt of Inf, Regular Army, ROTC, Providence College
Jun-Jul'67	Mech Inf Platoon Leader, 5 th Inf Div(M), Ft. Carsom, Co
Aug'67	Inf Officer Basic Course, Fr. Benning, Ga
Sep-Nov'67	Ranger School, Ft. Benning, Ga
Dec-May'68	Mech Company XO, Scout Plat Ldr, 1Bn 11Inf, 5 th Inf Div, Ft. Carson
Jun'68	Jungle School, Panama

Jul68-Jun'69	Plat Ldr 82d Abn Div, Vietnam
Jul'69-Sep '71	Cdr, HHC, 2Bn 48Inf, 3d Armored Div, Gelnhausen, Germany Bn S-4; Bn S-3; Bn XO, 2d Bn 48 th Inf, “ “
Sep'71-	Military Advisor Training Course, Fr. Bragg, NC
Oct'71-Oct'72	MAC-V, team 3, G-3 Air and TOC Advisor, 1 st ARVN Div, RVN During Easter Offensive and Recapture of Quang Tri City
Nov'72-Oct'73	Infantry Officer Advanced Course, Ft. Benning, Ga
Nov'73	Airborne School, Ft. Benning, Ga
Dec'73-Jan'77	3d Bde, 8 th Inf Div, Sandhofen, Germany, Cdr, HHC, Asst. Bde S3
Jan'77-Aug'79	ROTC Instructor, University of Southern Colorado, Pueblo, Co
Aug'79-Jun'80	Command and General Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth, Ks
Jul'80-Nov'83	DIA Rep to the National Military Command Center, Pentagon
Nov'83-Jan'85	XO of 2d Bde, 2d Infantry Division, Camp Hovey, Korea
Jan'85-Aug'87	Senior Advisor, 66 th Inf Bde, Illinois National Guard, Decatur, IL

Retired on 01 Aug 1987 as a LtCol

Awards

Bronze Star Medal (2OLC) & V Device//Defense Meritorious Service Medal//Meritorious Service Medal (2OLC)//Army Commendation medal (1OLC)//Air Medal//National Defense Service Medal//Vietnam Service Medal//Vietnam Campaign Medal with 60 device//Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm and Bronze Star//Army Service Ribbon//Overseas Service Ribbon (2)//Combat Infantryman Badge//Ranger Tab//Parachutist Badge//Vietnam Staff Service Medal, First Class

Academic Degrees

BA: 1967, Providence College, Political Science

MMAS: (Masters of Military Arts and Science), 1980, Command and General Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth, KS

MDIV: Mount Angel Seminary, St. Benedict, OR