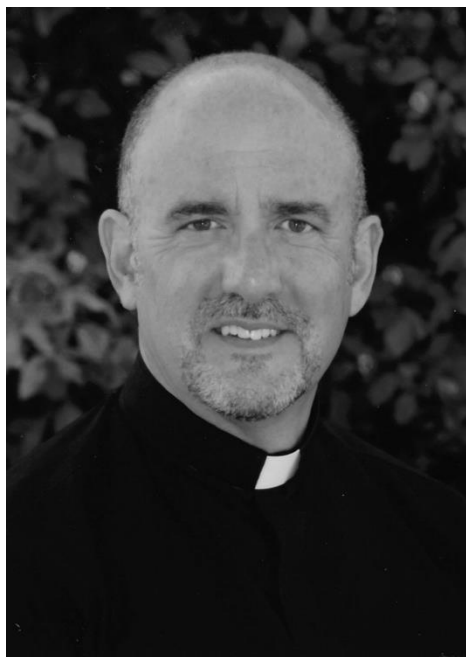


# Reverend Peter Crivello

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**Father Peter Crivello**

Reverend Peter Anthony Crivello was born on July 1, 1960, in Monterey. He is the son of the late Frank and Mary Crivello and brother of Joseph and Providence Crivello. His father, Frank, a native of Trapani, Sicily, came to Monterey in 1951. His mother, Mary, was a native of Monterey. His maternal grandparents and great grandparents came to Monterey in 1917 after living in Chicago. They were originally from small towns east of Palermo, Trabia and San Nicola l'Arena.

Both Fr. Peter's parents and maternal grandparents worked in some aspect of the (sardine) fishing industry. His father, maternal grandfather, Pietro Mancuso, and great grandfather, Giuseppe San Filippo, all fished in the Monterey Bay. His grandmother, Jennie Mancuso, worked for over 40 years in the sardine canning industry, and his mother did the same work during her high school summers. Like many in the 1950s to 1960s after the decline of the fishing industry, his father Frank left the fishing trade; he then worked for Pacific Gas and Electric for over 30 years. Fr. Crivello credits his family's strong faith and good example as the root of his vocation to the priesthood.

Fr. Peter attended public schools in Monterey and completed his studies at Monterey Peninsula College in 1981. He was then employed by the federal government with the Social Security Administration.

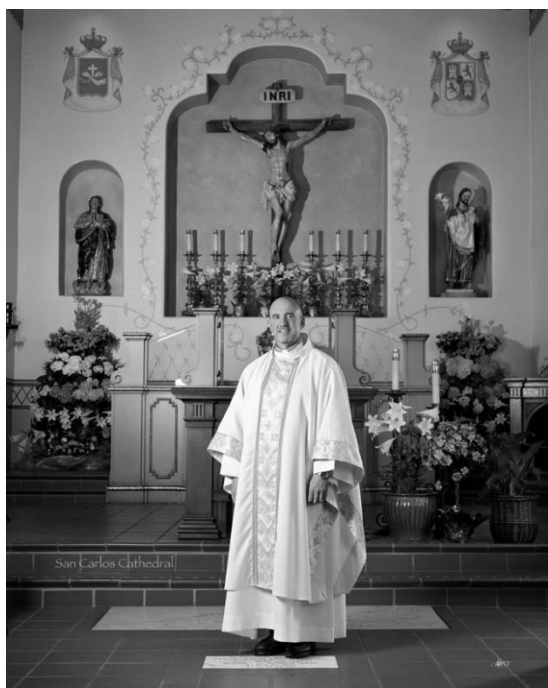
In January 1985 he was accepted as a seminarian by the Diocese of Monterey for priestly formation. He attended Saint Joseph's College Seminary in Los Altos, California, graduating in 1988 as the class valedictorian. During this time, in September 1987 he served as an acolyte for the Papal Mass held at Laguna Seca during the Second Pastoral Visit to the United States of his Holiness Pope John Paul II. After college seminary he attended Saint Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park, California, for his graduate theological studies and was ordained to the priesthood of Jesus Christ on June 12, 1993. His ordination was celebrated at his home parish, San Carlos Cathedral in Monterey, California.



**The Crivello Family: Frank, Mary, Father Peter, Providence and Joseph.  
On the day of Father Peter's Ordination to the Priesthood, June 12, 1993.**

Fr. Peter has served in five parishes--two as associate pastor, at St. Patrick's in Watsonville and Holy Cross Parish in Santa Cruz. After only four years of priestly ministry, he was appointed pastor of Resurrection Parish in Aptos, where he led the building of a new church which was completed in 2002.

In 2003 Bishop Sylvester Ryan appointed Fr. Crivello as Vicar General of the Diocese of Monterey. He served in this capacity for 17 years, until 2020, assisting with the administration of the diocese.



**Father Peter at San Carlos Cathedral.**

Fr. Peter also served as pastor at San Carlos Cathedral from 2004 to 2016. He felt very blessed to have been asked to return to his home parish to serve his community of origin in this capacity. During this time, he led the conservation-restoration project to preserve the historic Royal Presidio Chapel-San Carlos Cathedral, which was on the endangered list of United States Historical Sites. Through the development of both local enthusiasm and the cooperative work with consultants from different parts of the United States, the cathedral was retrofitted and restored. It reopened in 2009, after years of preparation and almost two years of monumental work to preserve its cultural and religious legacy.

After Fr. Peter's term as pastor was completed in 2016, he served full time in the Diocese Pastoral Office as Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia for three years, until 2019. Sadly, during this time he served in the transition of leadership with the passing of the late Bishop Richard Garcia in July 2018.

In August 2019 the newly installed Bishop Daniel Garcia appointed Fr. Peter pastor of St. Angela Merici Parish in Pacific Grove, California. Fr. Crivello enjoys being a

pastor, as his heart lies in the building up of the spiritual and communal life of the parish, enabling the growth of ministries and programs. He believes it is important to encourage members of a parish to use their gifts, talents and resources to create a dynamic parish community where all are welcome to celebrate, learn and reach out to others in the name of Jesus Christ. Additionally, in his many years as a priest he has also served on a variety of committees and councils in the Diocese of Monterey.

Fr. Peter has enjoyed fostering the connection between the spiritual lives and cultural heritage of the Italian American community. For years it has been a privilege for him to collaborate with the St. Joseph Society, the Madonna di Trapani Society, and Festa Italia Santa Rosalia, leading celebrations which richly intertwine the beauty of faith and culture together.

Fr. Crivello is proud of his Italian heritage. He is grateful for the many wonderful members of the Italian-Sicilian immigrant community of the Monterey Peninsula who, with their pioneering spirit, strong faith and sense of community, worked to establish a firm foundation for subsequent generations to build upon in our local area.

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