

## Reverend Joseph Tuscan, OFM Cap

Born in Columbus, Ohio in 1967 and raised in Canton, Fr. Tuscan entered Borromeo Seminary in the Diocese of Cleveland in 1986 and earned a bachelor's degree in 1989. In 1990, he took first vows in the Capuchin Franciscan Order in the Province of St. Augustine, which has its mother house in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He took perpetual vows in 1993. After earning a master's degree in theology, he was ordained to the priesthood in 1997 at St. Augustine Church in Pittsburgh by Donald Cardinal Wuerl of the Archdiocese of Washington, DC.

His first assignment after ordination was on the remote Pacific island of New Guinea, where he served for four years as a missionary priest. He returned to the United States in 2001 and has served in various capacities, including military and hospital chaplain and pastor. In 2007, he was trained by the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter in the Traditional rite of the sacraments. He currently serves on the "preaching band" of his Province.

Fr. Tuscan has fond memories of assisting his grandfather, a carpenter. As a seminarian, he employed his carpentry skills in the woodshop. He enjoyed spending time with Fr. Van Vliet making a prie dieu for the parish.

