



**ROMAN CATHOLIC  
DIOCESE of ORANGE**

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## **Rev. Al Baca – Biography**

Father Al Baca is a native of Southern California. He was born at St. Joseph Hospital in Orange, and his family were active parishioners of St. Columban Church in Garden Grove.

He attended Cal State Fullerton, but before finishing there, he chose to enter the seminary for the diocesan priesthood for the Diocese of Orange.

Father was ordained for the Diocese of Orange in 1989, serving as parochial vicar in various parishes. He served in the Diocese of Orange as pastor of St Cecilia's Church in Tustin and St Columban Church in Garden Grove. He later received his license in Ecumenism and Inter-religion from the Angelicum in Rome. After he returned, he served as Episcopal Vicar for Ecumenism and Inter-religion for ten years, before his appointment as Director for Evangelization and Faith Formation.

Father was appointed to work for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in Washington, DC, as the Director for Ecumenism and Inter-religion for the whole United States. Returning to California, he was appointed Director for Evangelization and Faith Formation for the Diocese of Orange. Father also served as the first Contact Priest of the Diocese of Orange for Deliverance Ministries and Exorcism. He did this for 4 years.

As of July 1, 2022, Father Baca has been assigned to the parish of St Anne in Seal Beach as a Senior Priest, assisting the priests of the parish. In July of 2023, Father Baca was appointed again as Episcopal Vicar for Ecumenism and Inter-religion for the Diocese of Orange.

