

Father Al Baca is a native of Southern California. Growing up in Orange County, he attended Cal State Fullerton, but before finishing, chose to enter the diocesan seminary for priesthood in the Diocese of Orange.

Father was ordained for the Diocese of Orange in 1989, serving as parochial vicar in various parishes. He received his license in Ecumenism and Inter-religion from the Angélicum in Rome. After returning to the Diocese of Orange, he served as Episcopal Vicar for Ecúmenism and Inter-religion for ten years.

In 2017, Father was appointed to work for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in Washington, DC, as the Director for Ecúmenism and Inter-religion for the United States. Returning to California, he was appointed Director for Evangelization and Faith Formation for the Diocese of Orange.

As of July 1, 2022, Father Baca has been assigned to the parish of St. Anne in Seal Beach as a Senior Priest. In July of 2023, Father Baca was appointed once more as Episcopal Vicar for Ecúmenism and Inter-religion for the Diocese of Orange. In 2024, Fr. Baca was appointed secretary for the Pastoral Provision, assisting those former Protestant ministers throughout the United States who request priesthood in the Catholic Church.