



Fr. John Canorro came to us from the city of Oswego's Catholic Church. He has served parishes across Oswego County for two decades.

Fr. Canorro served as pastor of Christ the Good Shepherd Parish, in Oswego, which was the result of the unification in 2019 of four parishes in Oswego and one in Scriba. Fr. Canorro also served as administrator of Our Lady of the Rosary Mission, in Hannibal, and Our Lady of Perpetual Help, in Minetto.

He has been appointed here as pastor of St. Paul's Church, in Whitesboro, which includes

the parishes of St. Annes, Whitesboro, St. Stephen's in Oriskany, and St. Leo's/St. Annes, in Holland Patent. His appointment to the Oneida County parishes came into effective July 1, 2025.

Fr. Canorro said the thing that would bring peace to his heart is knowing that in five weeks when he celebrates his first Mass in Whitesboro, it will be the same Mass as his parishioners in Oswego will be celebrating. "We're celebrating that same gift together," he said. "Yes, we might be an hour and a half apart, but that's what binds all of us together."

"Jesus does give us the gift of peace, that peace that will see us through, that peace that will open up new doors, that peace that we are going to be able to celebrate together no matter how close or far we might be," he said. "Because that is the gift of our faith that binds us together in the love of God and peace."

Fr. Canorro is an East Syracuse native and graduated from East Syracuse Minna High School. He holds degrees from Marist College and St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore. He was ordained as a priest in 2001.

Fr. Canorro previously served as the priest for St. Mary Star of the Sea in Mexico and St. Anne's in Parish for 12 years. He led the parishes through a consolidation to become St. Anne Mother of Mary in Mexico. He then took over Pulaski's Christ our Light, which had formed out of the union between St. Francis Xavier Cabrini in Lacona and St. John's in Pulaski. Later, he also began overseeing Holy Trinity Church in Fulton.

Fr. Canorro transitioned to St. Rose of Lima in North Syracuse in 2017 but was transferred to oversee Oswego's newly consolidated parish in 2019.

Fr. Canorro, 53, has been heavily involved in the community throughout his time in Oswego County, volunteering as an emergency medical technician and firefighter with several departments. He also served as chaplain for the Oswego Fire Department.

We welcome Fr. John Canorro to the parishes of St. Paul's faith community, and look forward to his guidance in our spiritual growth and faith development in our community.