



Thomas E. Delaney

Tom grew up in Medford, Massachusetts, the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Edward Delaney. After graduating from high school, he entered Cardinal O'Connell Seminary in 1954. He continued his studies at St. John's Seminary, and was ordained on February 2, 1962 at Holy Cross Cathedral by Cardinal Cushing. He offered his first Mass on February 4 at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Medford.

Prior to his ordination, he asked Cardinal Cushing to join the Society of St. James the Apostle. However, at the time there was a prerequisite to minister in the archdiocese for three years prior to approval for membership in the Society. Nonetheless, after only one year at his first assignment, St. John the Evangelist in East Bridgewater, where he replaced Dean Putnam, the Cardinal granted him permission to join the Society.

In February 1963, Tom departed for the Society of St. James language school in Lima, Peru. After four months of learning Spanish he was assigned to minister at a parish in La Guardia, about 45 kilometers southwest of Santa Cruz. He eventually relieved Jim McDonald who had been there several years as pastor, and continued his ministry at the parish as well as at 8 smaller satellite villages on a regular basis for the next seven years. "The years I spent in South America were, by far, the most rewarding experience of my life."

Upon returning to the United States in 1970, he settled in Houston, TX after being released by the Holy See and getting married. His first employment was Assistant Personnel Manager with a pressure vessel manufacturing company in Houston.

In 1971 he became the Labor Relations Manager at General Foods Maxwell House Coffee in Houston. In 1975, he decided to enter the insurance field – life, health, and property casualty. Tom continues to work in this field but has focused exclusively on the Spanish speaking community and with Medicare supplement products. “I derive much satisfaction in helping Spanish speaking folks understand what is available to them, a carryover from my unforgettable experiences in South America.”

Tom has two sons and a daughter, all very successful. “Their mother left our life for other things many years ago. I am married to Linda, the love of my life, and about to celebrate 24 years together. God has been good to us.”