

*Living Faith*  
**Msgr. David L. Toups**  
**Class of 1989**

A class of 1989 graduate, David Toups was not voted “most likely to become a priest” by his classmates, but was voted “Biggest Bop”, meaning the biggest social butterfly in the class. Active in Student Council and on the Marauder Cross Country team, David would not recognize his calling to serve the Church until a couple of years later while attending Florida Southern College. He transferred to St. John Vianney College Seminary, Miami where he earned a B.A. in philosophy. He earned a bachelor of sacred theology (S.T.B.) and licentiate of sacred theology (S.T.L.) from the Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome; and doctor of sacred theology (S.T.D.) in theology from Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas, Rome.

Ordained in 1997, Msgr. Toups has served in parish ministry as both parochial vicar and pastor in the Diocese of St. Petersburg. He was professor and dean of students at St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary and served as the Associate Director of the Secretariat of Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in Washington, D.C. He has published numerous articles and is the author of the book “Reclaiming Our Priestly Character”, which is based on his doctoral work and published by the Institute for Priestly Formation in 2008 (revised 2010).

Msgr. Toups is currently the Rector and President of St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary in Boynton Beach, Florida. Responding to the increasing numbers of men entering the seminary, Msgr. Toups has led the seminary through major renovations and the building of new dormitories. His vision for the seminarians, indeed for us all, is reflected in his letter “Reflections from the Rector” in the Spring 2017 issue of the seminary’s magazine Seeds of Hope, “May all of us offer our gifts to the Lord on a daily basis for him to use for his glory and honor.”

An annual donor to the Central Catholic Fund, Msgr. Toups encourages his fellow alumni to also support their alma mater.