

Living Faith
Fr. Thomas L. Madden
Class of 1973

Voted “Most Likely to Succeed” and “Most School Spirit” by his peers, Tom was a member of the National Honor Society and student government as well as manager of the football and basketball teams. He received the Academic Excellence Award all four years at CCC and was voted into the Senior Hall of Fame. While a junior at CCC, Tom became aware of the calling to priesthood and formally accepted in his senior year.

Following graduation from CCC, Tom attended St. Vincent de Paul Seminary in Boynton Beach where he earned a B.A. in philosophy in 1977 and a Master of Divinity in theology in 1981. He was ordained a priest on May 23, 1982 at St. Jude Cathedral. In 1993 he earned a M.A. in counseling from the University of South Florida.

Prior to his current position as parochial administrator for Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in Masaryktown, Florida, Tom served as pastor at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church & School in Dunedin among other parish assignments within the Diocese of St. Petersburg.

In the Spring 2014 issue of CCC’s community magazine *Tolle Lege*, Tom is quoted as saying that the most meaningful activity to him is “end-of-life issues and ministries that involve that as well as doing funerals which are probably the best teaching moments for priests with people’s attention to serious pain and questions”. He has a special appreciation for walking people through death and dying situations.

Tom has been active at CCC in various capacities including the celebration of Mass, prayer services, spiritual guidance and as a member of the School Advisory Council. There are countless members of the CCC community and the local community at-large who are grateful for the presence of Fr. Madden in their lives through joyous as well as devastating times in their lives.

Tom is a member of one of the largest CCC legacy families with nine siblings and several nieces and nephews who are also CCC alumni.