

## **Current Priests**

Fr. Restituto "Resti" Galang Serving St. Joseph Parish, Vacaville from July 2015 to present



Fr. Restituto 'Resti' Galang was born and raised in Manila, Philippines. He is a priest- member of the Mission Society of the Philippines (MSP). He obtained his B.A. in Philosophy and Theology at the Divine Word Seminary. He studied for a year at the Angelicum University in Rome. He holds an M.A. in Educational Evaluation and Measurement and a PhD. in Clinical Counseling Psychology from De La Salle University in Manila. He is happy to serve as a priest for 25 years.

Fr. Resti experienced the calling into priesthood since he was just a kid as he was inspired by a priest serving in his hometown parish. In 1984, he entered into the seminary after college and he wanted to be a lawyer also. In 1990, he became a Transitional Deacon and subsequently he was ordained as priest in 1991, by the late Jaime Cardinal Sin at the Manila Cathedral. Fr. Resti's first mission assignment came in 1992 as he was sent to Seoul, South Korea where he worked in parishes in the Archdiocese of Seoul and as Director of the Archdiocesan Migrants Counseling Center. Then in 1998, Fr. Resti went to Rome for a study leave and then worked in various capacities in the areas of administration, seminary and parish activities.

Since arriving in the U.S. in 2012, Fr. Resti had the opportunity to work in the following parishes in the Diocese of Sacramento: St. James in Davis; St. Catherine in Vallejo; and St. Joseph in Elk Grove. He serves as a part-time Tribunal Court Psychology expert witness, making clinical judgment for annulment cases for Sacramento and San Jose Diocese; he is also an active member of the Psychological Association of the Philippines; the American Psychological Association; and the Catholic Psychotherapy Association in US. He is glad to be the current Parochial Administrator of St. Joseph Parish in Vacaville, CA.