



Father Peter Schuster grew up on a farm outside of Freeborn, Minnesota. Freeborn is located 45 minutes east of the Fairmont and East Chain cluster and 20 miles northwest of Albert Lea. The population of Freeborn is 300. On the Schuster farm, they raised hogs, corn, soybeans, and wheat. His brother now oversees the farming operation.

As of May 28, Father Schuster is currently 42 years of age. He did not attend a parochial school during his secondary and/or primary years. His entire education from K – 12th grade was at Freeborn High School. At the time, Freeborn High School was not clustered with another school district. His graduating class encompassed 29 students.

Being too young to remember when he was called to the priesthood, his 2nd grade teacher told him that his words to her were, "I want to be a priest." Why doubt or question? Hey, if he was communicating that he wanted to be a priest at age 7, God must have wanted him to be a priest. And besides, at 7 years of age, he received two important sacraments - Reconciliation and First Communion. He does not doubt that they had an impact on where he is today!

Father Schuster has been a priest for 15 years. He was ordained to the diaconate on December 7, 1994 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary and to the priesthood on July 13, 1995 at the Cathedral in Winona. Bishop John Vlazny was the celebrant on both occasions. He was an associate under Father Kevin Connolly for one year at Saint Mary's in Worthington.

Father Schuster's previous assignment was the cluster of Jackson, Sherburn, and Lakefield where he was the pastor for 6 years.

We welcome Father Schuster to his new home of Fairmont and East Chain, MN.