



# MONSIGNOR DENNIS L. MIKULANIS, S.T.D.



## *Board Member*

The Very Reverend Monsignor Dennis L. Mikulanis, S.T.D. was born on May 15, 1951, in San Diego, California, to Paul Mikulanis and Mathilda (Tillie) Teggart. He has two brothers, Lawrence and Vincent.

Raised and educated in San Diego, attending Catholic parochial schools. Graduated from University of San Diego High School in 1969.

Graduated from the University of San Diego, 1973, with B.A. (Honors) in History and Philosophy.

Attended seminary at St. Francis Seminary for College work, then the Pontifical North American College, the Seminary for the United States in Rome. Studied at the Angelicum University (Pontifical University of St. Thomas) in Rome.

S.T.B. (Bachelor's in Sacred Theology) - 1976  
M.A. in Theology - 1977

Ordained a priest June 25, 1977. Served as a parish priest in San Diego until Fall of 1983 when sent by Bishop Leo Maher to Rome for Doctoral Studies.

S.T.L. (License in Sacred Theology) Magna Cum Laude 1985

S.T.D. (Doctor of Sacred Theology) Magna Cum Laude, Angelicum University 1986; Specialized in Ecumenical Studies

Served as Co-Chairman of the Ecumenical Commission for the Diocese of San Diego, 1979-1986. In 1986 returned to San Diego from Rome and once again began parish ministry. At that time also appointed Director of the newly created Office for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs, Diocese of San Diego.

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January 1988 – July 1992, Pastor of Holy Spirit Parish, San Diego

February 1989 – February 1991 – Served as President of the Ecumenical Council of San Diego County

1990 – Appointed by Bishop Brom to serve as Vicar for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs for the Diocese of San Diego, an appointment which recognizes the critical importance of this work for the Church.

July, 1992 – Appointed Pastor of St. Charles Parish, South San Diego/Imperial Beach;  
August, 2002, Appointed Pastor of San Rafael Parish, San Diego, (approx. 3200 households)

Pastor, San Rafael Parish, San Diego – 2002 – 2023.

Director of San Diego Diocesan Cemeteries 2008 - 2023

Officially “retired” July 1, 2023

Founding member of the Interreligious Council of San Diego; Founding Member San Diego Regional Interfaith Collaborative

Named an Honorary Prelate to the Holy Father, with the title of Monsignor, November 16, 1998.

2002 Recipient of the Bishop Charles Francis Buddy Award, presented by the Alumni Ass’n of the University of San Diego in recognition of the ecumenical/interreligious leadership given to the Church and local community

2004-2007, Vice President, Catholic Association of Diocesan Ecumenical/Interreligious Officers, the National Roman Catholic Ecumenical Officers Association.

Founding member: West Coast Catholic/Muslim Dialogues, sponsored by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

September through November 2013 – Sabbatical at Tantur Ecumenical Institute, Israel

Awarded Gold Benemerenti Medal of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem for services rendered to the Patriarchate.

Member: North American Academy of Ecumenists; Catholic Association of Diocesan Ecumenical & Interreligious Officers; Charter Member of The National Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, D.C.; The National Trust for Historic Preservation; The American Civil War Museum, Richmond, VA; Memorial Hall Museum of the Confederacy, New Orleans, Louisiana; The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation; Association for the Preservation of Civil War Sites; San Diego Historical Society; Phi Alpha Theta – the National Historical Honor Society; Knights of Columbus; Equestrian

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Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem (Knights of the Holy Sepulchre, with the rank of Knight Commander); Oblate of St. Andrew's Benedictine Abbey, Valyermo, California

Led multiple parish pilgrimages to Catholic sites in Europe and the Holy Land.

Co Authored:

*Receiving the Vision: The Anglican-Roman Catholic Reality Today.* Liturgical Press, Collegeville, MN 1995

*Bridging Our Faiths,* Paulist Press, New York/Mawhawah, N.J., 1997

Published Articles in *Ecumenical Trends, Priest Magazine, The Southern Cross, The San Diego Jewish Heritage Press, The San Diego Jewish Times*