



Fr. Shoup was born in Troy on May 26, 1955, the third of five children of Irwin and Anna Shoup (both deceased). He attended St. Patrick School and graduated from Troy High School in 1973. He graduated from St. Gregory College Seminary in 1980 and Mt. St. Mary's Seminary in 1984. Fr. Shoup was ordained to the priesthood on June 2, 1984.

His first assignment was Associate Pastor, St. Raphael Church, and teacher at Catholic Central High School, Springfield. His next assignment was Associate Pastor, Our Lady of Victory, Cincinnati, followed by Associate Pastor, Assumption Church, and teacher, La Salle High School, Cincinnati. In 1996 Fr. Shoup was assigned as Associate Pastor, St. Henry Church, Dayton. He became Pastor, St. Michael Church, Ft. Loramie, in 1999 and took on his second parish as pastor, Ss. Peter & Paul Church, Newport, in 2005.

I felt called to the priesthood by God from very early on and was encouraged to become a priest by my family and my parish, especially my late grandmother and the parish priests. The reason I remain a priest is that God continues to call me to his service in the church and the call keeps coming from others in their encouragement to serve God as a priest. Although the pastoral ministry of priests and pastors is going through some changes and hardships at this time as the number of priests decreases, God continues to sustain me and my brother priests with his loving and abiding graces and the support of the people we serve. I am very thankful for my vocation.