

FR. BRAD WHISTLE

CLASS OF 1973

"In 1969 I had just finished eighth grade at St. Mary's Elementary. The following year I would be a freshman at Trinity High School. However, during that summer I began to think very seriously about going to the local public school. I had a strong desire to play football. I thought I could have been a good inside linebacker. I had already been to a few of the practices during that summer and was really enjoying it, as well as the new guys I was meeting. My mother (Emma Whistle) just about came unglued! After talking with the Principal (Virgil Sublett), our High School coach (Brice Roberts), and our Pastor (Fr. Charlie Fischer) I came to realize that Trinity High School was the best place for me. At some point about my sophomore or junior year I began to think about being a priest. But I certainly was not going to tell anyone! I just knew my friends and family would laugh at me. After graduating from Trinity in 1973, I attended Murray State University the following year. About half way through that year I became very restless and I knew that my life needed to take a different direction. I had already been thinking a lot more about going to the seminary. I went to see Fr. Fischer and the rest, as the saying goes is history. However, I did not enter the seminary knowing I would be ordained someday. I began my seminary formation saying to myself, "I will give this an honest try and if God brings me back home that will be okay with me." I believe Trinity High School gave me the background and necessary tools to enter the seminary and later being ordained a priest. I look back with great pride growing up in Whitesville and attending Trinity High School. I was ordained January 10, 1981. In reflecting over the years, I know that God has called me to be a priest and I can't imagine doing anything else. Thanks Trinity for helping me to grow in my faith. Go Raiders!"

