

A native of Washington, DC, Fr. Jerome A. Magat attended St. Michael Catholic Church and School in Annandale, Virginia and is a 1991 graduate of Bishop Ireton High School. He earned a B.A. in Political Science in 1995 at the University of Virginia, after serving as the Head Resident at Brown College on Monroe Hill. After working in technology and health care research and consulting for two years, Fr. Magat entered seminary studies at Mt. St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland. He also spent time in studies at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. Fr. Magat completed his seminary studies in 2002, earning *summa cum laude* honors and was ordained a priest by Bishop Paul S. Loverde for the Diocese of Arlington later that year. At Mt. St. Mary's, Fr. Magat earned a Masters of Divinity and a Masters of Arts in Theology with a concentration in Moral Theology. His M.A. paper was entitled, "Man at Work: Economic Personalism and the Theology of Work in the Writings of Pope John Paul II."

In 2005, Fr. Magat founded the Guadalupe Free Clinic of Colonial Beach, the diocese's only free medical clinic for the poor. The Clinic has been internationally recognized, having received the 2005 International Community Activity Award from the Knights of Columbus, the fraternal order's highest award for service work. Fr. Magat served as executive director of the Clinic until February 2007. Currently, Fr. Magat serves as president of the board of directors of the Clinic. He is assigned as parochial vicar at St. William of York Catholic Church in Stafford, Virginia. Previously, he had served as parochial vicar at St. Mark in Vienna; St. Elizabeth of Hungary in Colonial Beach; and Our Lady of Lourdes in Arlington. He has also served as an auditor at the diocesan tribunal and as a master of ceremonies for Bishop Loverde.