Bio of Phil Paxton, CP

Fr. Phil Paxton, C.P., was born in 1956, and was raised in northern New Jersey in Bergen County. He has four sisters and a brother. He obtained a Bachelor’s Degree in Chemical Engineering from Ohio University in 1978. He worked as an engineer in southern Illinois, where he met the Passionists. He first professed vows in 1989. He obtained an M. Div. degree from Catholic Theological Union in 1994. He was ordained in 1995. He obtained his M.A. degree in Theology from CTU in 1996.

He has served in southern California at Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center (1995 – 1998), in Alabama as pastor of St. Mary’s Church in Fairfield, next to Birmingham (1998-2010), and now in Detroit at St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat and Conference Center (2010–present). He writes a weekly reflection on the Sunday readings, and is on Facebook.