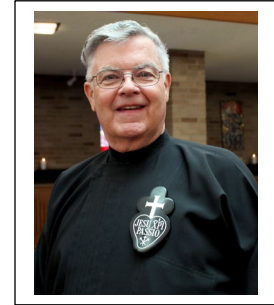


# Passionist



## *“Vocation Voices”*



**NAME** Fr. John Schork, CP

**How long a Professed Passionist** Professed July 1968 ... over 52 years!  
... and Ordained June 1976

**Your current primary Ministry** Province Vocation Director

**Birthplace** Louisville, KY – 1949 (I’m a Boomer)

**Favorite Pastimes / Hobbies** BBQing, Travel, Golf, Driving, Meeting new people

**What Book is currently on your bedside table?** *“Gazing on His Face: A Christ-Centered Spirituality”*,  
by Fr. Robin Ryan, CP ... fellow Passionist ... (Paulist Press 2020); plus *“The Liturgy of the Hours”*

**Favorite T.V. Show** Currently, the Evening National News (lots of material for prayer!); and my  
All-Time Favorite: the *M\*A\*S\*H* series (I have collected all episodes)

**Favorite Movie** “O Brother Where Art Thou?” and “Sister Act”

**Favorite Song** “Feeling Groovy”, by Simon & Garfunkel

**Favorite Flavor of Ice Cream** Blue Bell Mint Chocolate Chip

**Favorite Vacation Spot** Any golf course near any of my religious communities / family / friends

**I’ve always wanted to Visit** New England, Australia, Ireland, Germany

**My Favorite Thing about being a religious priest / brother** Blending my personal growth as a man  
of faith while spiritually meeting, welcoming, encouraging, and ministering to other persons

**I receive the most Joy from** Celebrating the Eucharist and the other Sacraments, bringing me into faith  
contact with others as we celebrate God’s Life and transforming Love

**Why be a religious today?** The distinctive value of the witness of our lives as religious, being credible,  
everyday poets and prophets of God’s love

**Previous / Ongoing Ministries** Passionist Retreat Center leadership and staffing / programs; Local  
and Provincial leadership teams; Community “jack-of-all-trades”; Part-time airport chaplain; Serra  
Club chaplain; Community Development and Donor-Relations Team; Community fund-raising;  
Province Treasurer and Investment Advisory Council member; regular confessor for cloistered nuns;  
part-time chaplain for a women’s religious community; serving as a spiritual companion

**What are you Passionate about?** Witnessing and promoting the vitality of our Passionist Charism,  
our Community, and our corporate ministries

**How do you Relax?** Get to a quiet place – especially a chapel – and slow down, focus breathing; OR get  
outside in the fresh air (e.g., a golf course...); practice mindfulness

**List one Best Practice from your life you’d like to share** I try to witness the wholesomeness and  
vitality of a religious vocation which prophetically challenges us all to embrace Jesus’ Gospel values  
and be open to personal and corporate transformative change and growth.

**Anything Else to share?** From personal experience, God invites us to explore and open all sorts of  
doors to a more fulfilled life; it’s up to us to “try it, you’ve got nothing to lose” ... and then develop a  
deep, personal love for God and neighbor that adds hope and excitement to all of daily life.