

BISHOP JOSU IRIONDO



The Most Reverend Josu Iriondo was born on December 19, 1938 in Basque County, Spain where he was raised as the fourth son of seven children of parents Rufino Iriondo (an industrial worker) and Maria Leona Zabaleta.

Bishop Iriondo entered the order of Christian Brothers and Canons Regular of the Lateran from 1958 until 1962. He studied at the Gregorian University in Rome and was ordained a priest on December 22, 1962 at San Sebastian (Donostia). He served in New York as a priest since 1968 serving as Chaplain of the Sisters Servants of Mary.

In 1969, he served as Assistant at St. Joseph's Church in Middletown and guided immigrants in Warwick Valley. After three years at St. Joseph's Church in Middletown, Bishop Iriondo served as the Associate at St. Lucy's Church in Manhattan in 1973.

In 1974 – 1976 he served as Associate at Holy Rosary Church in Manhattan; subsequently, in 1976 he served as Associate for two years at Our Saviour Church in the Bronx and became Pastor of Our Saviour for 12 years.

In 1990 Bishop Iriondo became the Director of the Charismatic Renewal and of the Charismatic Center of the Archdiocese of New York.

In 1991, Bishop Iriondo became Administrator of St. Anthony of Padua Church in the Bronx and in 1996 Bishop Iriondo was incardinated into the Archdiocese of New York. One year later, Bishop Iriondo was appointed Vicar for Hispanic Affairs.

In 1999, Bishop Iriondo was named Honorary Prelate to the Holy Father. He was appointed Pastor of St. Anthony of Padua Church in the Bronx on October 10, 2000 and in his capacity as Pastor, served on several committees and commissions:

- Commission of Inter-Parish Financing
- Member of the Priest Council
- Member of the Planning Board #6
- President of La Coa Housing Corporation
- Member of the Board of "Ministerio Vida Cristiana"
- Member of the Board of "El Camino" newspaper
- Founding Member of ASH (Asociacion Sacerdotes Hispanos)
- Member of ANSH (Asociación Nacional Sacerdotes Hispanos)

On December 12, 2001, he was ordained Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of New York and named Titular Bishop of Alton.