

## **Biography of Fr. John Shiha**

Fr. John Shiha was born in Windsor and was raised in Detroit. He was baptized at St. Maron's Maronite church in Detroit and went on to serve there as an altar boy and with the youth group.

Fr. John graduated from the University of Detroit in 1985 and completed some graduate work at Wayne State University in Michigan and Frostburg State University in Maryland. In 1988 he moved to Maryland for his work with Little Caesars International.

In 1989 he married Joanne and they moved to Windsor from Maryland in 1996. He has worked in many areas of business until a semi-retirement in 2016.

In 2011 he was ordained a Permanent Deacon for the Diocese of London, Ontario, and served for 8 years as a Deacon at Ste. Anne's Parish in Tecumseh, Ontario.

In 2016, Fr. John began to discern a call back to the Maronite Church which led to his being accepted in 2018 into the formation program to the priesthood for the Maronite Eparchy of Canada. Soon after, he began studies at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit working toward a Masters degree in Theology.

On November 21, 2020, Bishop Paul Marwan Tabet ordained Fr. John into the Maronite Catholic Church. He was assigned as an Associate Pastor at St. Peter's Maronite Catholic Parish in Windsor, Ontario.

Fr. John and Joanne have three children and reside in Tecumseh, Ontario. His parents, Michel and Hasna and his twin brother Joe and his wife Diane, reside in St. Clair Shores, Michigan.