



Father Justin Ryan is a priest in the Archdiocese of Seattle. After ordination in 2018, he served as parochial vicar at St. Charles Borromeo in Tacoma and as Associate Director of Vocations. In July 2021 he was appointed Director of Vocations.

Born and raised in the Archdiocese, Fr. Ryan grew up attending St. Brendan's Catholic School and Parish in Bothell where he received all his sacraments. He then graduated from Archbishop Murphy High School and received an Accounting degree from Gonzaga University. The journey toward priesthood began in his parish and school life, where certain teachers and priests accompanied him through the twists and turns of discernment. After working in commercial real estate appraisal in Spokane, Fr. Ryan embraced the call to priesthood after years of discerning and entered seminary in 2013.

Upon completing pre-theology studies at Mount Angel Seminary, Fr. Ryan received a Baccalaureate in Sacred Theology (S.T.B.) from the University of St. Mary's of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary in 2018, and is pursuing a Licentiate with a focus in Spiritual Theology also from USML. This focus on spiritual theology stems from the desire to help people recognize and articulate the many encounters they are having with God.

Serving as vocation director, Fr. Ryan has a passion for helping facilitate a "culture of vocations" within parishes in our Archdiocese. This includes preaching on vocations and celebrating Holy Hours for vocations, giving talks for youth groups and at young adult events, while also coordinating with pastors and lay ecclesial ministers to encourage young people to embrace their call from the Lord.