

Deacon Paul Russell, Perth Archdiocese



I was ordained in June 2006 for the Archdiocese of Perth, along with a large group of men. I was appointed to the local parish and to the Diocesan Tribunal.

Having had previous Army Reserve experience, I applied for and was accepted as an Army Reserve Chaplain and was released from a Parish appointment to take up this ministry in February 2009. I was appointed as Chaplain to 7th Field Battery/3rd Field Regiment (Royal Australian Artillery). In January 2011, I was given the additional responsibility of being Chaplain to 11th/28th Battalion, Royal Western Australian Regiment, and in February I was also posted as Chaplain to 13th Field Squadron (Combat Engineers Regiment).

My civilian employment has been centred in schools. I am a registered psychologist, with specialist endorsement as an educational and development psychologist, and am a full member of the Australian Psychological Society and the APS College of Educational and Developmental Psychologists.

I completed undergraduate study in theology and ministry at the Melbourne College of Divinity. I have also completed post-graduate studies in theology and ministry at the Australian Catholic University graduating with a Master of Arts, and, the University of Newcastle where I completed a Master of Theology. In addition, I have an honours degree in Psychology, and a master's degree in educational psychology from Charles Sturt University.

I am married with four school-aged children.