



Very Rev. Andrew J. Deskevich '92

Protosyncellus

Byzantine Catholic Archeparchy of Pittsburgh

Very Rev. Andrew Deskevich '92 leads a life devoted to the Catholic faith.

After being ordained a priest in 1997, Rev. Deskevich has served various parishes within the Archeparchy for the past 18 years. Currently he serves as Protosyncellus and assists Metropolitan Archbishop William Skurla in governing the Byzantine Catholic Archeparchy of Pittsburgh.

In addition to this ministry, Rev. Deskevich also pastors Saints Peter and Paul Parish in Warren, Ohio, and St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Newton Falls. His community work includes feeding the hungry, cooking with his parish and serving more than 100 meals two to three times per month at Trumbull Deanery St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen.

At La Roche College, Rev. Deskevich earned his bachelor's degree in religious studies. His professors, he said, provided the support and encouragement that he needed to succeed in life after college.

"Growing up in a small coal mining town and attending a small school district, I was used to smaller classes. The size of La Roche appealed to me for this reason," he explained. "The small class sizes gave an opportunity for the professors to get to know their students and for the students to get to know the professor. My professors encouraged me, and all their students, to be the best that we could be."

In his free time, Rev. Deskevich enjoys traveling and has visited Italy, Slovakia and Ukraine, each on three different occasions. He had the distinct honor of meeting Pope John Paul II in 1995 and Pope Francis in 2013.