FEDERATION OF JESUS ABBEYS

[NOTE: Sacred Position of the Office of Priesthood conferred on Reverend Michael Cuozzo on June 29, 2003, Presider and Celebrant: Mar (Bishop) John Dunnigan, Federation of Jesus Abbeys, FL, USA.]

The Federation of Jesus Abbeys was founded in 2003 by Mar +John Dunnigan for married Roman Catholic priests to sacramentally return to the Church universal. Laicized Roman Catholic priest and their spouses were welcome to join the Congregation. Priest who aspires to a restoration of their priestly ministry were required to complete a formation program. Upon successful completion, the husband shall then be incardinated into a participating Eastern Ecclesia which is in union with Rome. The priest and his wife shall then, per Eastern Canon 393, be loaned to a Roman Catholic Diocese which is experiencing a shortage of priests.

Mar +John worked tirelessly to move his contacts in the Eastern Catholic Church and in Rome to use the Eastern Catholic Church as a conduit for former Roman Catholic priests who were wanting to get back into priestly service. Unfortunately, the Rome contacts were unable to move the Vatican in this direction. His whole effort was a desire to facilitate in the sanctification of the Church. Mar +John died in 2009.