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Having been ordained to ministry as a priest by the Catholic Church in 1996, Fr. Stephen Jon Brandow spent the first five years of his career as a social worker at Woodview Regional Hospital in Pineville, LA, in 1986. He acted as a medical clerk for the Alexandria VA Health Care System with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs in the five years following. As much as he loved being of service to the public, he yearned for more. After being ordained, he began serving as an associate pastor from 1996 to 1997 at St. Rita Catholic Church in Alexandria, LA. He held the same title from 1997 to 2000 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Tioga, LA. Since 2000, he has excelled as a staff chaplain for the Department of Veteran Affairs in Alexandria, VA. He has also found success as a chaplain with the Alexandria VA Health Care System since 1998.

Aside from his primary endeavors, Fr. Brandow had served as a committee member for the Continuing Formation of Clergy since 1996. He was chaplain at CHRISTUS St. Frances Cabrini Hospital in Alexandria, LA, from 1997 to 2001 and at the Central Louisiana State Hospital with the Louisiana State Department of Health from 1997 to 2000. Furthermore, he is a former secretary of the Diocese of Alexandria, LA, having held the role from 1996 to 1997.

Active with the American Association of Christian Counselors, the National Conference of Veterans Affairs Catholic Chaplains, and the National Association of Catholic Chaplains, Fr. Brandow is affiliated with the Louisiana Chaplains Association, Inc., where he acted on the board of directors from 1999 to 2002. Moreover, he is the chairman of the board with the National Association of Veterans Affairs Chaplains.

In addition to this civic involvement, Fr. Brandow has also dedicated many years to working with the Boy Scouts of America. Formerly, he was the vice president of the Louisiana Purchase Council. He has been on the community advisory board with the Louisiana Purchase Council since 2003. Similarly, he held a spot on the board of directors with the Council of Central Louisiana with the Girl Scouts of the United States of America from 2001 to 2002. Since 1997, he has served the National Catholic Committee on Scouting.

Before entering the field, Fr. Brandow pursued a formal education at Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, LA. He received a Bachelor of Arts in 1983. Continuing his studies at the same esteemed academic institution, he obtained a Bachelor of Arts in social work two years later. He concluded his academic career in 1996 after graduating with a Master of Divinity from the Notre Dame Seminary Graduate School of Theology.

Recognized for his service, Fr. Brandow has been honored with numerous accolades. Notably, he accepted a James E. West Fellowship in 2002, a Whitney Young Service Award from the Boy Scouts of America in 2002, and a Bronze Pelican Award from the National Catholic Commission on Scouting in 2003. He was born on December 25, 1960 in

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Olean, NY, to David Arden and Jacqueline Delores Brandow. He has previously earned inclusion in every edition of Who's Who in America since 2002 and in every edition of Who's Who in the World between 2003 and 2010. In his free time, he enjoys practicing yoga.