

I am Fr John Timbreza Molina. I was born on February 8, 1967. I was born and raised in Manila, Philippines, but my parents, who originated from Abra, migrated from Manila to Hawai'i in the late 80's. I entered the seminary when I was 14 . I pursued my seminary studies in the Philippines and later on professed the religious vows in the Order of the Clerics Regular of Somasca (Somaskan Fathers). The Religious Order where I belong mainly takes care of orphans. After my priestly ordination on August 15, 1998, I was assigned to study and then do my priestly ministry in Italy. There I stayed for 15 years. In September of 2014, I returned back definitively to the Philippines. Periodically, I was then being sent to Vietnam where my Religious Order was planning to open a new foundation. I was then in contact with Vietnam for a total of 1 year and a half. On April 8, 2017, I came to Hawai'i to be near to my aging mother and with the intention to offer my help to wherever our Diocese needs. I thank the Good LORD for our kind Bishop Larry Silva who received me in a very fatherly way.

When I arrived in Hawai'i, I immediately substituted for two months the pastor of Malia Puka o'Kalani in Hilo. After that, I went for a month at Sacred Heart Parish – Wai'anae and then settling by the end of July 2017 at the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace in Honolulu to help for the Holy Masses and Confessions and then also in the Hospital Ministry at the nearby downtown hospitals.

On April 20, 2018, I received the letter of appointment from our kind Bishop Larry Silva to take the post of our good friend Fr Ernesto Juarez, Jr who is now recalled by his own bishop. God is good all the time! Everything is grace! And this gives me consolation that in my limits and weakness "I will be able to do all things in HIM who strengthens me".