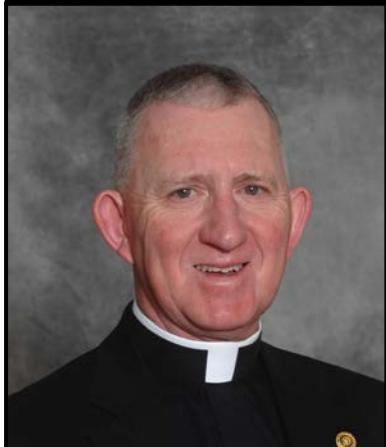


PATRICK J. ROONEY

District Governor 2019-20

Rotary International District 7390



The Reverend Patrick J. Rooney STS retired in February of 2012 having served most recently as the Senior Pastor of historic Christ Lutheran Church (1733) in York, PA. Prior to going to York he had served for 11 years at St. Paul in Dillsburg and before becoming a Lutheran he was a member of a Roman Catholic religious order for 10 years. He has worked extensively in the human services field including serving as Special Assistant to the Secretary of Welfare and as President and CEO of a large non-profit entity with over 550 staff and a multi-million dollar budget serving the mentally ill and the developmentally disabled. For almost five years, he also served as the interim Executive Directors for two local ecumenical agencies.

In his retirement, Pastor Rooney is an active member of the Rotary Club of York (the 24th largest club in the world) where he served as President in 2016-17. He's achieved perfect attendance for all 10 years of his Club membership. The Club has approximately 40 committees and Paddy has served on 20 of them. In 2013, he served as Team Leader for the GVSE team to Argentina. He served on the District Conference committee in 2015-16 and is the conference committee chair for 2016-17. He serves on the District Global Grants Scholarship Committee and the participated in the District Youth Exchange outbound interviews. He completed all three levels of RLI and recently became RLI faculty. Paddy is a Paul Harris Fellow and a member of the Paul Harris Society. He has received the York Club's President Certificate of Appreciation for Service Above Self and the Avenues of Service Citation.

He has served as a member and chair of the City of York General Authority. He is a Board member of the York County History Center and has previously served on the board of the York County Literacy Council, with a number of attendant committees. He previously served as President of the York County Council of Churches. He has also served on the Candidacy Committee for the Lower Susquehanna Synod as well as the Ecumenical Affairs committee and the Worship Committee. He is the author of a number of published sermons for three different groups including 10 published by CSS under the title "The Perfect Sacrifice."

Pastor Rooney is a founding member of the Society of the Holy Trinity, a Lutheran Order and Ministerium, which now numbers almost 300 pastors in the United States and Canada. He served as Dean of the local chapter for the 12 years, as Secretary for 3 and in September of 2015 was elected Senior (General Superior) of the Society. He has taught widely across the US to many of the Society chapters.

Pastor Rooney has also taught on a number of other subjects. For the last two years he has taught three different courses in the OLLI program at Penn State York. He has also taught at a number of retreats throughout the United States and Canada, most often on the topic of Mary and Luther, but also on the Sacraments and matters of liturgy and the Authority of the Priestly Office.

Pastor Rooney is a native of England and completed his undergraduate studies at St. Mary's College, London; studied philosophy at Catholic University of America; has a Master's degree in Counseling from Shippensburg University and completed his Lutheran studies at Gettysburg Seminary. He has been married to Sally for 37 years and they have two grown children.