



A native of New York City, where he was born in 1928 as the son and grandson of priests in the Episcopal Church, **Fr. John Jay Hughes** is a 4-times great-grandson of John Jay, first Chief Justice of the United States and easily the most devout of the Founding Fathers. He served as a priest in the Episcopal Church for six years, before becoming a Catholic in 1960. During his doctoral studies in Germany in the late 1960s he studied with Prof. Joseph Ratzinger, now Pope Benedict XVI. Since coming to St. Louis in 1970, he has taught at St. Louis University, served in diocesan administration, and as Pastor of two parishes. Now retired but still very active, he has been in residence at Christ the King Parish in University City since 1991. Fr. Jay is the author of thirteen books and hundreds of articles and book reviews. His recently published memoir, *No Ordinary Fool: A Testimony to Grace* (Tate Publishing), is the story of his difficult journey to the Catholic Church; and the story too of a man who, 58 years after ordination, is still in love with priesthood. His latest book is *Columns of Light: 30 Remarkable Saints*, available in print, and also as a recorded book on 7 CDs, from [NowYouKnowMedia.com](http://NowYouKnowMedia.com).