

Father Rudy Rosales
Priest – Athletic Trainer
Inducted into Hall of Fame October 18, 2013

Raul “Rudy” Rosales is one of ten children of Gilbert and Lupe Rosales, lifelong Eloy residents and active members of Saint Helen of the Cross Catholic Church.

Rudy attended Eloy Elementary Schools from Kindergarten through 8th grade. He was successful academically, socially, and athletically at Santa Cruz Valley Union High School. He was a 5 sport letterman in football, basketball, wrestling, baseball, and track as SC’s First Student Athletic Trainer. Rudy was in National Honor Society and Student Council, being elected Student Body President his senior year.

Rudy attended Northern Arizona University on both athletic and academic scholarships. He continued his successful Athletic Trainer career serving as an All Sport Student Trainer for four years and Head Student Trainer for three years. He completed his National Athletic Trainers Association Internship Training and his Bachelors of Science in Education and Masters of Arts in Education while at NAU. He was a staff team member of the 1978 NAU Football Big Sky Championship Team which was inducted into the NAU Athletics Hall of Fame.

Rudy taught Physical Education, Sports Medicine, and History at Tolleson Union High School from 1980-89, while also serving as Head Athletic Trainer and Student Council Advisor. He served on the AZ Coaches Association Football All Star Staff as Athletic Trainer 1980 – 83.

Rudy became Father Rudy after returning to school at St. John’s Catholic Theological Seminary in Camarillo, California and receiving his Masters of Divinity in 1993. He was ordained a Catholic Priest in the Diocese of Tucson.

Father Rudy served as Parochial Vicar at Our Mother of Sorrows Parish, Pastor of Holy Cross in Morenci, Sacred Heart in Clifton, St. Mary’s in Duncan, Holy Angels in Globe, and is Parochial Vicar at Our Lady of Grace in Maricopa.

Father Rudy received the Distinguished Service to Education Award from the Morenci School Board and the Morenci Rotary Red Rose Citation for Exemplary Service to Community for his dedication to serve community youth.