

Father Kinnally was ordained to the priesthood in 2005 by then Bishop William E. Lori who is now the Archbishop of Baltimore. Born in Yonkers, New York, Father Kinnally attended Iona Preparatory School and Manhattan College where he earned a B.A. degree in English with a minor in French. He holds a Master's Degree in English and American Literature from New York University with a concentration in Modern American Poetry. Prior to entering the seminary, Father Kinnally had a twenty-year career in university admission and financial aid, serving as a director or dean at Pace University, the State University of New York at Purchase, the University of Bridgeport, and Sarah Lawrence College. From 1997 to 2000 he was Dean of Admission and Financial Aid at Stanford University in Palo Alto, California, where he worked with Condoleezza Rice who was provost at the University at the time.

An accomplished musician, Father Kinnally studied piano in New York at the Studio of Elise Warren. Beginning in 1974, he was organist and choir director in Catholic churches in New York City and Westchester. In 1986 he served as Organist and Choir Director at St. Augustine Cathedral in Bridgeport and has been a member of the American Guild of Organists since 1983. Father Kinnally's seminary studies commenced at St. John Fisher Seminary in Stamford, Connecticut where he has served as rector since 2011. He completed a Pontifical Degree in Theology at the Catholic University of America in 2005. His first assignment in the Diocese of Bridgeport was at St. Pius X Parish in Fairfield. In 2009 Bishop Lori named Father Kinnally Director of Vocations.

In 2014 Bishop Caggiano appointed him Chancellor of the Diocese. He has served on the Presbyteral Council, the Diocesan Synod Committee, the Clergy Assignment Board, the Family Life Committee, and the Advisory Committee to the Permanent Diaconate. Since 2008, Father Kinnally has been a trustee of Sacred Heart University where he serves on the Enrollment and Student Life and Academic Affairs Committees. Fr. Rob assumes his position as pastor of St. Aloysius Parish January 1, 2017.