

# Meet the chaplains . . .

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## Joseph Short

### **How would you describe your personality and communication style?**

Engaged, easy-going, and straightforward.

### **Tell us about your family, friends, pet, etc.**

My wife, Sarah, and I have been married for over seven years and we have one son, Benjamin, who is three-years-old. We have two other “children” who we adopted—Rooke, our seven-year-old Miniature Australian Shepherd, and Rusty, our ten-year-old Pembroke Welsh Corgi.

### **How would others describe you?**

Funny and fun loving but able to focus on what is important and get serious when needed.

### **If someone were looking to work with you as their chaplain, what would you like them to know?**

Confidentiality is the key to building trust and both are my highest priority when working as a chaplain.

### **What is, in your opinion, the most interesting thing about you?**

I have grown up all over this country and overseas so I have a love for other cultures especially their food. This has developed into what I call “Adventure Eating.” I will try anything once and take at least two bites.

### **Tell us about your career, education, and experience that led you to workplace chaplaincy.**

In 1995, I earned a Bachelors of Arts in Psychology from King College in Bristol, TN. I am currently working on my Masters of Divinity from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, IL. My projected date of graduation is Spring of 2014. After college, I worked in several “helping” jobs including a camps and schools for at-risk teens, case management for mentally ill adults, county juvenile justice systems, and church ministries. I came into workplace chaplaincy because I wanted to find a career where I could incorporate all of the skills, training, and experience I had gained from my various jobs. To that end, I connected with Capital Chaplains and I am also serving as a Chaplain Candidate in the Wisconsin Army National Guard.

### **What types of life issues do you have the most experience helping others with?**

I have extensive experience helping others in the areas of spiritual formation, addiction, family dynamics, development, crisis management, and issues derived from military service.

### **What do you like most about being a workplace chaplain?**

Helping others not only navigate the storms life brings but also celebrating the joy we find in hope.

