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John E. Rybolt, C.M., was born in Los Angeles, California. He entered the Congregation of the Mission in Perryville, Missouri, in 1959. After his ordination in 1967, he did further graduate work and received degrees in ministry, theology, and sacred scripture, including a Ph.D. in Biblical Studies from St. Louis University.

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