

Reverend Gerard Saguto, FSSP District Superior of North America

Fr. Gerard Saguto, FSSP was born and lived on Long Island, where his mother continues to live. After ten years of pastoral service, he was appointed by Fr. Berg, Superior General of the FSSP, to be the new District Superior of North America, effective July 13, 2015. He replaces Fr. Eric Flood, FSSP, who served in that position for the last seven years.

Fr. Saguto understands the difficulty of starting a new parish. He established the FSSP apostolate in Seattle, Washington in October 2009. It became North American Martyrs Parish and he was its founding pastor, serving until his recent reassignment. Like our pastor, he was the sole priest for several years. Other similarities abound. Both apostolates were established in existing parishes and, though deeply grateful for the generosity of their hosts, are space limited, with similar logistics and scheduling concerns. Seattle currently operates out of St. Alphonsus Church. CCD there is limited to two classes, First Communion and Confirmation. However, their growth is such that the FSSP accepted an invitation by Archbishop J. Peter Sartain to establish a separate apostolate in Tacoma, Washington.

Fr. Saguto comes from a Sicilian family. While living on Long Island, he learned that there was a Traditional Latin Mass offered in New York and decided to give it a try. In his words: "Once I saw it, I never went back." He continued to go to the Traditional Mass despite the difficulties in getting there. Here, too, Father can sympathize with those who travel distances to get to the Traditional Mass.



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