

Reverend Michael Stinson, FSSP District Superior of North America *(An Update from 2013)*

Fr. Michael Stinson last visited Regina Caeli Parish in December 2013, when he was Bursar for the North American District. In July 2018, he was appointed by the Superior General to serve a three-year term as District Superior of North America.

Born the youngest of eight children, he lived in North Texas until the family moved to the Austin area. Although they attended Mass, participated in Sunday CCD, and were Catholic in belief, they began to drift a bit from the Church. His mother, having had a more traditional teaching in her youth, began studying the Old Mass and using her knowledge to correct confusion. After Bishop McCarthy approved the indult in his diocese, the family joined the nascent community. Finding a place to celebrate the Mass in those years was difficult and the community moved from location to location as priests amenable to the group were transferred or circumstances otherwise changed. Originally meeting at the chapel at St. Edward's University, the community moved five times, to a Maronite Church, a mausoleum chapel and two Novus Ordo parishes, before finally settling, in 2007, at St. Mary's Cathedral, where they continue to operate.

As a youth, Fr. Stinson felt no drive to be an altar server at Mass. After the lead altar server moved, a general call went out for a replacement and all eyes turned toward him. Not sure it was what he wanted, he nonetheless volunteered and never looked back, even to the point of training the next generation of servers.

Father was among the first wave of seminarians at the Denton, Nebraska facility and was ordained on May 30, 2009. He has served in various capacities, including as founding pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Tacoma, Washington.



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