

Reverend Jonathan Romanoski, FSSP

Fr. Jonathan Romanoski, FSSP was ordained on May 30, 2008 by His Eminence Dario Cardinal Castrillon Hoyos and was assigned to help start the first Fraternity Mexican apostolate in Guadalajara, Mexico, where he worked for nine years. In 2017, he was transferred to help establish an apostolate in the Naples-Fort Myers area of southwest Florida, where he currently works as chaplain of Corpus Christi Chapel.

When he entered the seminary in 2001, he met Fr. Kenneth Fryar, who had lived in Mexico City for many years prior to joining the Fraternity. Aware that Fr. Fryar knew how to navigate through the country, Fr. Romanoski suggested they go on a pilgrimage together to visit Our Lady of Guadalupe, in Mexico City. And so, they took off from Nebraska in his car during Christmas break of 2002-2003.

While there, one family received them into their home as pilgrims, and told them “Mi casa es su casa”. Fr. Romanoski took them up on their kind offer, returning to study Spanish on summer breaks. During one of his visits, he and a priest chaplain of the Fraternity met with Cardinal Juan Sandoval Íñiguez. His Eminence invited the Fraternity to come to Guadalajara, where many Catholics desired the Traditional Mass. That same summer, Fr. John Berg was elected Superior General of the FSSP and, seeing the great need to begin apostolates in Spanish speaking America, gave his support.

While in Mexico, Fr. Romanoski found a profoundly Catholic culture and a great respect and love of their priests. At the same time, he came to realize that many did not know the reasons for their practices. They were Catholics by culture, but not necessarily by conviction. It was a marvelous chance to catch a glimpse of what Catholic culture should truly be and, at the same time, to help fortify their culture with conviction.



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