

Reverend Brian McDonnell, FSSP

Fr. Brian McDonnell, FSSP was ordained May 19, 2012 by Bishop Fabian Bruskewitz in Lincoln, Nebraska. A Canadian, he seriously considered the priesthood at age 30, attending various weekend vocation retreats, but ultimately decided to continue working. In the ensuing years, he discovered the Traditional Latin Mass and began singing Compline with Fraternity priests Frs. Ashley & Ryan and serving at Mass. At the age of 40, he once again considered a vocation to the priesthood and began praying for spiritual guidance.

At the funeral of his beloved former pastor, Msgr. Newman, his prayers were answered. In the sermon, Archbishop Exner said the monsignor offered his pain and suffering to the Lord that more men would enter the priesthood. Hearing those words and still unsure, he suddenly understood that this was the path for him.

His advice to men considering the priesthood is not to wait as he did. Do not be afraid to investigate. Pray and seek advice from holy priests. Go the seminary and test the vocation. God will let you know.



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