

BIOGRAPHY OF FR. ROBIN DODGE

Fr. Robin Dodge was born in 1958 and grew up in Springfield, Vermont. He attended Cornell University where he studied history with a particular focus on the history of England during the reign of the Tudors and Stuarts. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Cornell in 1980. In the summers while a student he worked for the Calvin Coolidge Memorial Foundation, a Vermont historic preservation foundation; and on Capitol Hill in Washington for Congressman Jim Jeffords and Senator Bob Stafford.

Fr. Robin then studied law at Boston University, which conferred on him a Doctoral degree in Jurisprudence in 1983. As a lawyer he practiced corporate law concentrating in trademarks, copyrights, and unfair competition, first in Chicago and then returning to Washington to practice with Winston & Strawn (formerly Bishop, Cook, Purcell & Reynolds) and then Venable, Baetjer, Howard & Civiletti.

After more than ten years as a lawyer and wrestling with a perceived call to ordained ministry while a parishioner at Church of our Saviour in Chicago and Christ Church Georgetown in Washington, Fr. Robin entered Virginia Theological Seminary and was awarded a Master's degree in Divinity in 1999. He was ordained in the Episcopal Church as a deacon in 1998 and a priest in 1999. He spent more than three years as Associate Rector of St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Arlington, Virginia. In 2002 he was appointed Associate Vicar of St. Mary Redcliffe Church in Bristol, England, and upon the Vicar's departure in 2004 served as priest-in-charge. In 2005, Fr. Robin was called to be Rector of St. David's Episcopal Church in Washington, where he served until October 2016, when he was called to be Rector of Church of the Holy Faith in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Fr. Robin was the President of the American Friends of St. David's Cathedral in Wales, promoting support for and pilgrimages to that holy site. He was Chaplain to the British Embassy in Washington and continues to serve as Chaplain to the Board of the Friends of St. Benedict, for whom he has also facilitated Benedictine retreats and spoken at their annual symposium on Benedictine spirituality. He is seeking to become an oblate of St. John's Abbey in Collegeville, Minnesota. He also is a member of the Order of St. John, an international humanitarian organization that supports the St. John Eye Hospital in Jerusalem.

Since 1986 Fr. Robin has been married to Thérèse Saint-André, whom he met at coffee hour at Church of Our Saviour in Chicago. Thérèse, who studied history at Wesleyan University and holds a Master's degree in Business Administration from the University of Chicago, worked for several banks, including the First National Bank of Chicago and Riggs Private Banking in Washington, was an international financial analyst with the Inter-American Development Bank, and served as an adjunct professor of finance at the University of the West of England and at the Bristol Management Centre in England. She is the Executive Director of the Friends of St. Benedict. They have two sons, Cameron, age 24, a graduate of St. Albans School in Washington and the University of Virginia, who lives and works in Atlanta, and Barrett, age 21, who is pursuing vocational training.