

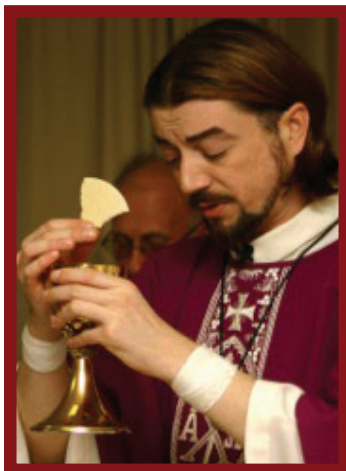


Fr. Zlatko Sudac Biography

Fr. Zlatko Sudac was born on January 24th, 1971, on Krk Island, Croatia, the northern most island in the Croatian Adriatic Sea. In his early 20's Fr.

Sudac attended a spiritual seminar by Fr. Emile Tardiff which deeply touched him and radically changed the trajectory of his life. After much prayer and discernment, Fr. Sudac discerned that he was called to the priesthood. Fr. Sudac was ordained a priest of the Krk Diocese on June 29, 1998 and was subsequently assigned as associate pastor at a parish on nearby Pag Island.

Eleven months after he was ordained, something very unexpected happened which changed the trajectory of Fr. Sudac's life. In May, 1999 Fr. Sudac received the first mark of the stigmata on his body, which came in the form of a cross "imprinted" on his forehead. Immediately upon learning of this event, his bishop, he was quick to take action. He wanted this cross on the forehead of his young priest to be thoroughly investigated, so during that summer of 1999, the Bishop sent Fr. Sudac to the Gemelli Clinic in Rome where he remained over a month, during which time he was subjected to intensive and exhaustive investigation by a team of experts from a variety of medical disciplines and underwent numerous test and procedures. The final report from the Gemelli Clinic concluded that Fr. Sudac was of sound mind and that while the team could not confirm that the cross on Fr. Sudac's forehead was of Divine origin, they could state definitively that there was no known medical or natural explanation for the formation of the cross on his forehead.



Upon Fr. Sudac's return to Croatia from the Gemelli Clinic, the Bishop assigned him as the spiritual director of Bethany Retreat House, on Lošinj Island, Croatia, where he worked for many years, leading retreats for people from all over the world.

Fr. Sudac was invited to come to the United States in 1999, and periodically over the next several years, he preached and ministered to multitudes all over the country.

Almost a year and a half after Fr. Sudac received the cross on his forehead, his life was again touched by Divine Grace in a unique and special way. It was October 4th, 2000, the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi when Fr. Sudac received the wounds of Christ on his wrists, feet and side.

Today, Fr. Sudac continues his retreat work and ministers to multitudes on Krk Island, Croatia. In addition, he often travels to other parishes in Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina and beyond, where he does parish missions and retreats. While his powerful gift of preaching has touched the hearts of countless numbers of people, he is also an extremely gifted artist, who uses his creations to preach the Gospel message through a visual format. Whether its through his preaching or paintings, through his teaching or sculptures, through his retreats or stain glass windows, the goal is always the same – to lead people to a deeper and more intimate encounter with the Lord Jesus, and to be more passionate about living their faith as Catholics.

