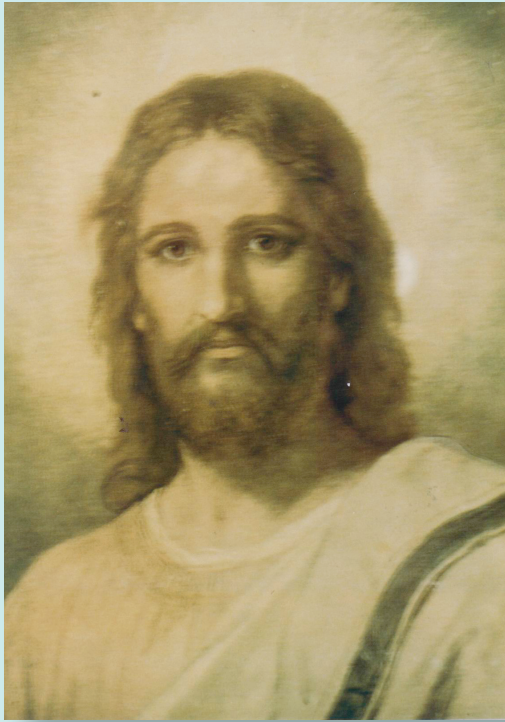


Biography of Fr. Jürgen Schmode



We are gazing on a face and listening to a voice and feeling the beating of a heart.

And as we do that our heart cries out not only our heart, but our whole being, our body and soul and spirit. It is Jesus, my Lord and my God!

Our eyes are opened and we know him, and with the faith of a little child, that faith we once had but thought we had lost forever, we throw ourselves at his feet. This is the question that takes precedence over all our questioning:

*What will we do then
with Jesus
who is called the Christ?*

Fr. Jürgen was born on April 17, 1963 in Hagen/Westfalen, Germany, where he was baptized on June 16, 1963 and grew up. He was confirmed on May 23, 1976 at the Johanniskirche in Iserlohn/Germany where his parents and his two sisters still live. Fr. Jürgen holds dual citizenship, Canadian and German.



He studied theology in Germany at the University of Heidelberg, and the Kirchliche Hochschule Wuppertal, and in the USA in St. Paul, Minnesota at Luther Seminary. In Heidelberg he was a member of the local Old Catholic Church. He graduated from Luther Seminary in St. Paul with a Master of Divinity in 1991.

He went for his first call to Seattle to the German United Church of Christ, where he was ordained on September 21, 1991 into the United Church of Christ. The late Rev. Carl Mau - former General Secretary of the Lutheran World Federation with 54 Million members - was a principal ordinator. He did some further studies in clinical counseling in Seattle and completed a unit of 400 hours of Clinical Pastoral Education.

He accepted a call to Vancouver and was ordained into the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada on February 15, 1993, at Martin Luther Church by Bishop Marlin Aadland. He was ordained Deacon in the Old Catholic Church of B.C. on August 20, 1995 and on October 27, 1996 to the Holy Priesthood – both times by the +Rt. Rev. Gérard LaPlante at St. Raphael's Old Catholic Church. He was consecrated Bishop for The Old Catholic Church of BC by the Rt. Rev. J. Gérard LaPlante on June 3, 2007.



Holy Mass is celebrated every Sunday at 11:00 am
The Rosary is recited every Sunday at 10:30 am



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IN SOUVENIR

For you I am a Bishop; with you I am a Christian

Saint Augustine, homily for the anniversary of his ordination as Bishop,
4th C, Divine Office, September 19th



**CONSECRATION
OF THE
RIGHT REVEREND JÜRGEN SCHMODE
JUNE 3, 2007**