



Fr. Anderson Luis de Souza, is a member of missionary religious community named Society of the Divine Word, as an official name written in Latin “Societas Verbi Divini” (SVD), or better known as “Divine Word Missionaries.

Fr. Anderson original country is Brazil, where he was born on February 26, 1975, in Belo Horizonte. He is the older child of Mr. Sebastião Olímpio de Souza & Mrs. Benta Archanjo Pereira de Souza his siblings are: Emerson de Souza, Tatiane de Souza, and Mário de Souza.

Fr. Anderson began his journey in the Divine Word Missionaries on Feb. 26, 1998 in Juiz de Fora, MG – Brazil, from 1999 – 2001, he did his college studies at the Pontifical University of Minas Gerais, where he pursued a bachelor degree in Philosophy. In January 2002 Fr. Anderson started the spiritual year called novitiate, where the candidates of the religious life deep themselves in the meaning of the Charisma of the religious community and in the knowledge to profess the evangelical commitments of poverty, chastity and obedience. After 1 year of novitiate, on January 08, 2003 Fr. Anderson professes his first vows as a member of the Society of the Divine Word. From February 2003 – December 2004, hid journey of theological studies started at the St. Paul Center of Theological Studies in São Paulo, SP – Brazil. From 2005-2006, Fr. Anderson came to USA as a seminarian to start his pastoral year, in 2005 Fr. Anderson went to Divine Word College, in Epworth, IA for the English studies, and then from December

2005 – December 2006 , Fr. Anderson did his pastoral year at St. Joseph Catholic Church , Livingston, TX. From 2007-2008 already in Brazil Fr. Anderson continue on his last 2 years of theology and also him and his classmates were in formation during 1 year for the whole life commitment, named perpetual vows as members the Society of the Divine Word. On January 31, 2008, the Very Rev. Anthony Pernia who was the time general superior of the Divine Word Missionaries stationed in Rome gave to Fr. Anderson his first assignment to the Southern part of USA. On March 08, 2008 at the Holy Spirit Chapel, São Paulo, SP, Brazil; Fr. Anderson professed his perpetual vows, and was ordained deacon by Most Reverend Silvestre Luis Scandia, svd, Archbishop Emeritus of Vitoria, ES. After 1 year and 2 months ministering as a Deacon, Fr. Anderson was ordained as a priest on May 01, 2009 at his home parish of the Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Ponte Nova, MG – Brazil, by Most Rev. Joaquim Giovanni Mol Guimarães, auxiliary bishop of Belo Horizonte, MG. On May 01, 2010 Fr. Anderson returned to USA for his first assignment as a member of the Divine Word Missionaries religious community.

#### **Assignments of Fr. Anderson.**

May 2010 – June 2012 – Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Lafayette, LA (Associate Pastor)

July 2012 – June 2014 – Holy Name Catholic Church, Houston, TX (Associate Pastor and Hispanic Ministry)

August 2012 – June 2014 – Chaplain of “Radio Maria” Houston (Spanish) and holster of radio program for Spanish Speakers at “Radio Maria” named “The Virgin Mary in the Life of the People.”

August 2012 – June 2014 – Collaborator with the Portuguese Speaking Community at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, Houston, TX.

July 2014 to present – Pastor of St. Eugene Catholic Mission & Student Center, FAMU Campus Ministry, Hispanic Ministry at St. Eugene Catholic Mission & Student Center, Good Shepherd Parish (Tallahassee, FL), and St. Margaret Parish (Monticello, FL).