



**MINISTRY EXPERIENCE**

**St. Edmunds Church, San Marino , CA** (Parish and Nursery School) [saintedmunds.org](http://saintedmunds.org)

**Rector** *Mar 2020-Current*

I am the rector of St. Edmund's parish and Nursery School; a suburban congregation in the Diocese of Los Angeles. We are focused on formation of all ages, especially children and youth. I have created several ministries including a feeding ministry, LGBTQ group, Godly Play, EFM, and other formational events. I am deeply involved in hands-on administration, visioning for the future, re-evaluating our assets for sustainability, and building ministries to meet the needs of the community. I've led a strategic planning process and am currently working with leadership to develop a proposed 1-2 million dollar capital campaign.

**St. Wilfrid of York, Huntington Beach, CA** (Parish and Pre-School) [Stwilfridschurch.org](http://Stwilfridschurch.org)

**Priest-in-Charge** *2018-2019*

I was called by the Bishop to step in as PIC to lead the parish after the former Rector's sudden Title IV departure. In this time of transition I worked on reconciliation and pastoral care related to trauma and transition, I stabilized the budget and reduced deficits, created a year-round stewardship plan, helped organize financial controls, built new ministries for children and families, organized lay ministry commissions, and began visioning for the parish and pre-school with a two-year growth plan.

**St. James' in the City, Los Angeles, CA** (Parish and K-6 Day school) [Stjla.org](http://Stjla.org)

**Interim Rector** *2018*

As the former Associate, I was called by the vestry to be the Interim Rector during a time of rector transition. I was tasked with all aspects of parish administration, organization, liturgy preparation, pastoral care, stewardship, congregational development, formation and supervision of all other ministries. I worked with parishioners to establish a Justice and Outreach team specifically to expand our outreach with those experiencing homelessness.

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**Associate for Liturgy and Formation** *2013—2018*

(Supervisor: Bishop-in-Charge, The Rt. Rev. Catherine S. Roskam, retired Suffragan Bishop of The Diocese of New York.)

I collaborated with the Bishop in all aspects of parish life in this large, corporate, urban, culturally diverse parish.

- Oversaw the liturgical life of the parish: Designed traditional liturgy, organized and trained lay ministers. Other special liturgies included: *African Fellowship Celebration, Combined Korean & English, Family Services, Interfaith Worship, Jazz Evensong, Blessing of the Animals.*
- Oversaw formation for children and youth. Designed and implemented a Family Service. Put into place a Sunday School program, set curriculum and coordinated volunteers.
- Oversaw, teaching and development of continuing formation for adults.
- Oversaw pastoral care
- Created Shared Ministry plan and formation of committees and ministry teams.
- **ST. JAMES' DAY SCHOOL:** Taught Religion to 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes as needed. Preached at School Chapel monthly. Member, School Board of Trustees

**GUEST LECTURER**

***Women in Christianity, Georgetown University, Washington DC, 4/11/24, 4/24/25***

- Delivered lectures on Christian mysticism and St. Teresa of Avila's contribution to Christian history and theology.

## **DIOCESAN AND OTHER LEADERSHIP**

**DOCTORAL COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE**, Virginia Theological Seminary 2023-2025

- Participation in quarterly discussions with faculty concerning the Doctoral Degree Program

**COMMISSION ON MINISTRY** Diocese of Los Angeles 2015-Present

- Shepherd Postulants & Candidates and discern the call to Holy Orders of Nominees/Aspirants.

**DIOCESAN BOARD OF EXAMINING CHAPLAINS**—Diocese of Los Angeles 2019-Present

- Read, review and evaluate General Ordination Exam results for those seeking ordination & develop continuing formation as necessary

**DIOCESAN DISCERNMENT YEAR PROGRAM CHAIR**—Diocese of Los Angeles 2026

- I chair the Diocesan program that coordinates lay and ordained leadership discernment.

**CAMPBELL HALL EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL K-12**, North Hollywood, CA. 2017-Present

- Member of the Board of Directors
- Chair of the Religious & Community Life Committee

**HOLY FAMILY SERVICES DIOCESE OF LA** (*Treasurer & Board Member*) 2014-2019

- An Institution of the Diocese of L.A. which facilitates affordable adoption and foster-adopt placements.

## **OTHER FORMATIVE MINISTRY EXPERIENCE**

**Berkeley Divinity School at Yale**, New Haven, CT

Chapel Minister

- Designed and executed seven Episcopal services per week, utilizing traditional and non-traditional liturgical materials within the Anglican Communion. Worked with and assisted guest Celebrants, faculty and visiting Bishops with services. Collaborated with choral conductors and organists in the planning of liturgy.

**Christ Church**, New Haven, CT

Seminarian Intern

*Academic year intern for a diverse, urban, socially progressive Anglo-Catholic parish in the heart of New Haven and the Yale community.*

**All Saints Church**, Beverly Hills, CA

*Parishioner; participated in all congregational aspects of parish life in this corporate-sized diverse, inclusive, parish.*

**All Saints Highland Park**, Los Angeles, CA

Summer Intern *Assisted at Spanish Speaking Sunday Eucharist.*

**Good Samaritan Hospital**, Los Angeles, CA

Chaplain Intern *Earned one unit of Clinical Pastoral Education credit during summer program at this inner city hospital.*

## **EDUCATION**

**Virginia Theological Seminary**

- Doctor of Ministry

**Yale Divinity School, New Haven CT**

- Master of Divinity

**Berkeley Divinity School at Yale, New Haven CT**

- Diploma in Anglican Studies

**Institute of Sacred Music at Yale, New Haven CT**

- Liturgical Studies and Sacred Arts Concentration

**University of California, Los Angeles**

- MFA Film, Television and Digital Media

**University of California, Irvine**

- BA Drama

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

### **Lake Institute on Faith & Giving/ IU Lilly Family School of Philanthropy**

- Executive Certificate in Religious Fundraising

### **Interim Ministry Network**

- Training in helping congregations through transitions

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE PRIOR TO ORDINATION

### **Self-Employed, Los Angeles, CA 1999-2010**

#### Post Production Supervisor of Feature Films

- Supervised the Post Production process of feature films. Worked for major film studios and independent companies on a variety of projects. Collaborated with producers, bond companies, lawyers, directors, editors, composers and other talent to make certain that the films were completed in compliance with the director's creative vision and the producer's financial obligations. Duties included creating and maintaining schedules, hiring talent, developing and managing budgets, coordinating technical and creative aspects of the filmmaking process from the end of principle photography to the delivery of the final film product to distributors.

### **Performer, Los Angeles and NYC**

Performed as an actress, singer and voice-over artist in various television, film and theatre venues ranging from the Broadway stage in New York to local Los Angeles theatre companies.

**1. Please describe your sense of call to the ministry of bishop and particularly, why you feel called to this diocese. What charisms and skills would you bring to ministry in our context?**

**Call to the Ministry of Bishop:** I feel called to the Episcopate because I am passionate about the work expected of a Bishop which is ultimately a call to leadership. I feel called to a leadership role that is focused on building up and inspiring the church as a whole. My passion is fueled with the desire to see the Episcopal Church that I love grow and prosper in order to become a leading Christian voice in our culture.

**Called to this Diocese:** I am the type of leader who likes to build and create and I saw an eagerness in your profile to explore new ideas and/or to elevate existing traditions in order to grow. As a creative person, this is attractive and exciting! I am not a leader who finds contentment by simply maintaining and managing, but by seeing how we can take the best of what we have in order to energize and rekindle passion. I saw a strong commitment to doing the work that needs to be done and I am excited by the possibility of working together and creating together.

**What charisms do I bring:** The charisms I bring that I believe speak to your profile are: an authentic pastoral presence, energetic creativity, strong administrative skills, mentorship, a deep faith in the power of God to transform, and the passion for the kind of evangelism that connects those who may not know about our church to a real, tangible faith that is accessible to all.

As you seek to call a bishop who is “inspiring and visionary” I bring my experience and background in the creative arts. I had a former career in the theatre and film businesses and I know the kind of tenacity and commitment it takes to start with a germ of an idea and to build, create and implement collaborative systems toward an envisioned goal. In my lay years in the entertainment business I have overseen large budgets and navigated and juggled complex personalities, and organizational systems. As a graduate of the Institute of Sacred Music at Yale, I bring my passion for and experience with religion and the arts into the creative process as well.

As you seek to call a bishop who is “pastoral and relational” I bring my passion for proclaiming Jesus to those who are both church and unchurched alike. It is my prayer that people will find a personal connection to the Gospels in places that they never thought of before—To have “aha” moments about faith. Ultimately my ministry is always informed by my conversion from being a non-believer to Christianity as a young adult and the knowledge of how the power of Christ transformed my life and will transform the lives of others. I believe in and am informed by God’s promise of transformation always and this is what informs my dedication to being an authentic pastoral presence.

As you seek to call a bishop who is “practical and effectual,” along with my administrative and creative experiences above, I also bring the experience of mentorship and helping others discern their call to ministry; I am on several diocesan commissions and ministries related to ministry discernment and mentorship. As Bishop, I would be keenly attentive to clergy needs as well as lifting up others for new ministry. I am a roll up my sleeves kind of person who likes to be collaborative and hands-on when appropriate while also delegating as needed. I also bring my love of academics and study which not only keeps me grounded in our tradition, but also in-tune with today’s theological and cultural perspectives.

## **2. What opportunities and challenges do you see in the Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania, and how do you envision exercising leadership among us?**

The main challenge for the Diocese comes from your profile which honestly lays out the concern of communities getting smaller. Hard conversations and tough decisions may have to be made in the future. However, you have answered this challenge by not giving into the challenge itself: The Diocese discerned its desire to elect a new Bishop and to not stay connected to the Diocese of Western New York, as an example. This shows that you are ready and eager to meet this challenge that the Diocese faces and that there is great hope, and passion to try new things before any tough decisions may have to be made. This is a hopeful and exciting place to be. I am a big proponent of saying “what if” as an imagining tool to explore new possibilities and would encourage a “what if” approach. This means that the greatest challenge the diocese faces has also become its greatest opportunity—the diocese has the potential to grow in new and exciting ways. The opportunity for evangelism is where I see that the wider church needs to focus. This is where I see the beginnings of growth for the Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania (and for all Episcopal Communities). It is a twenty-first century evangelism that requires a willingness to tell our faith stories and to not be afraid to speak about how the church and Jesus have transformed our lives and the lives of others—individually and communally. Telling these stories through words and/or action, and being bold about our faith. Communication is also key—through local media, social media, and a real intention toward being known in the community. It is important that we proclaim with authenticity who we are and what we are doing. I would make a strong commitment to explore ways to communicate as a Diocese that could reach others who are seeking, hurting or simply in need of community and to be a diocese that inspires by example.

### **How I would engage as a leader:**

- Be pastorally present to laity and clergy and to especially be a support to clergy
- Encourage collaboration in order to pool wisdom and foster creativity with both clergy and laity.
- Have as many “get to know you” sessions with both clergy and laity as soon as possible in order to build relationships and trust.
- Meet people where they are in their own communities.
- Try to engage as much as possible with the local happenings in the community
- Using an approach that accentuates the positive over the negative, I would implement and encourage a Diocesan-wide strategic planning and visioning process for parishes to engage in that would combine intentional prayer alongside a visioning model meant to engage and inspire where the Spirit may be calling us to go next.

**3. Please explain your understanding of the purpose of the church and how that purpose shapes the church's future.**

The church is the Holy Spirit among the people who gather in Christ's name whether we gather in a building or in a community setting elsewhere. I often say that churches are really "centers for reconciliation" as Jesus' ministry was a ministry of reconciliation—making right our relationships with God and with each other. We as the church have a responsibility to be a reconciling example in our communities by bringing peace and healing where possible.

Individually: The purpose of the church is to remind us of who we are as children of God by following the Jesus of the Gospels. When we gather in community to worship God we acknowledge that there is something greater than ourselves and that we are called to be a light that helps heal the world. The church is where we lay our joys, concerns, struggles, anger, frustrations, and fears at the feet of Jesus who promises transformation and newness of life.

Communally: Our church buildings hold the prayers, love and struggles of decades of worshippers. They are sacred in this respect. The church as a building and as a community, should be a safe place for all; where vulnerability, humility, love, and gratitude are not seen as weaknesses to exploit, but strengths that lead to courage, hope, purpose and joy. The church of the present and future must speak up and be louder than the Christian voices that sometimes denounce, judge or shame. The church should be an active presence in the communities where our parishes exist; evangelizing through action, mercy, and compassion and where we make the space (in both traditional and creative ways) for the unchurched to have the opportunity to focus on and encounter God. We are all spiritual beings and there is a seeker and a hunger in everyone to fill a spiritual void that may be untapped, unknown or confusing. The church of the present and future is dynamic and energized if we focus intentionally on Jesus, especially in prayer. Church reminds us that Jesus points us toward God whose "power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask for or imagine." The church is more important than ever in our society because it is the church that helps us to set the foundation for our collective humanity so that we can build up and not destroy, love instead of hate, welcome instead of exclude, and offer balm instead of judgment. The church of the future is ultimately a church of hope and trust in the resurrection power of God.