



THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF FLORIDA

Biography of the Right Reverend Scott Anson Benhase, OA

In January of 2010, Bishop Benhase was consecrated the 10th Bishop of the Diocese of Georgia. Prior to his consecration, he served parishes in Washington, DC, Durham, North Carolina, Charlottesville, Virginia, East Cleveland, Ohio, and Indianapolis, Indiana.

Bishop Benhase was born and raised along the Ohio River. He went to DePauw University in Indiana to play football and came out with a vocation to the priesthood in 1979. After a year as a missionary in Honduras, he went to Virginia Theological Seminary, graduating in 1983. While serving in East Cleveland in 1989, he received a master's degree in non-profit urban leadership from the Levin College of Urban Affairs. In 2009, he earned a Doctor of Ministry degree from Virginia Theological Seminary. His book, [Done and Left Undone: Ministry in the Meantime of Ministry](#) was published by Church Publishing in 2018. Since 1988, he has been a Professed Member of the Order of the Ascension, a Benedictine Order in the Episcopal Church.



He met his wife Kelly, a native of Tallahassee, during their college years when serving together on the staff of the Appalachia Service Project in the Pine Mountains of southeastern Kentucky. They were married in 1984 at Church of the Advent in Tallahassee. Kelly has taught English Composition and Rhetoric at the high school and collegiate level, most recently at Georgia Southern University in Savannah.

He retired as Diocesan Bishop in 2020. In retirement, Bishop Benhase served for three years as part-time Vicar of an African American/Latino mission near their home in Durham, NC. During that time, he also served part-time as the Bishop Provisional of the Diocese of the Virgin Islands.

He and Kelly have three children: John is a restaurant developer in Savannah, GA and married to Sarah a palliative care Nurse Practitioner and they have two sons, Chance and Cole; Charley lives in Washington, DC with his wife, Charlotte, they both have software management careers; and, Mary Grace, who also lives in D.C., directs programs for a major non-profit whose focus is ending childhood hunger in America.