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Commission on Ministry (COM)

Co-Chairs

The Reverend Sara Rich

The Reverend Sara Arnette Rich's Bio: The Rev. Sara Arnette Rich is a native of South Carolina but has called Ponte Vedra home for nearly ten years. Mother Sara discerned a call to ordained ministry through the Diocese of Florida and was sponsored for ordination by St. Paul's by the Sea Episcopal Church in Jacksonville Beach. She is a graduate of Duke University Divinity School and currently serves as Associate Rector at St. Francis in-the-Field in Ponte Vedra.

Mtr. Sara loves Jesus and the Church. She is passionate about people and learning how they are noticing God's transformative presence in their lives. In her downtime, Mtr. Sara enjoys spending time with her two daughters, Anna and Wallis. Anna is a student at University of Vermont, and Wallis is a senior at Ponte Vedra High School. She also enjoys playing tennis, knitting, and stand-up paddle board.

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The Reverend Deacon Leila Quinlan

Bio: Deacon Leila Quinlan serves at Christ Church in Ponte Vedra Beach leading the Center for Spirituality and facilitating the Invite, Welcome, Connect program. She is married to husband Trevor and they have one son, Parker, who is completing pharmacy school in Chicago. Prior to ordination to the diaconate, Leila worked as a board-certified Music Therapist and later a Certified Spiritual Director and Companion. She is passionate about helping all people discern their calling in ministry and is honored to serve as co-chair of COM.

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Members

Rachel Parman

Bio: A native to Jacksonville and a graduate of the UNF School of Nursing, Rachelle Parman has been married to Father Quinn Parman for 19 years. She was a member of St. John's Cathedral prior to their family's move to Sewanee, TN, for her husband's seminary education. After seminary, they attended St. Paul's by the Sea, for a year-long curacy. Afterwards, they relocated to Chattanooga, TN where Quinn served two churches in the Diocese of East TN over their 10-year stay. Rachelle continued working as a registered nurse then transitioned to teaching high school health classes. The Parman family moved back to Jacksonville in August 2023 as Fr. Quinn became rector of All Saints Episcopal Church and Rachelle began teaching at the Episcopal School of Jacksonville. They have two children, Fritz (14) and Mary Karis (11).

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Ted Miller

Bio: Ted Miller is rooted in Jacksonville, Florida, where he has dedicated his life to both his family and his faith. As a lifelong member of St Mark's Episcopal Church, his commitment to service is evident through his active participation on various church committees and in service activities and parish life, including two terms on the St Marks Vestry and recent leadership as Senior Warden. His involvement extends to Youth Ministry where he has been blessed to serve as a chaperone on several youth mission trips, two terms on the Happening Steering Committee and as an adult volunteer on many Happening and New Beginnings weekends over the past 10 years.

Professionally, Ted continues the family legacy in real estate, having joined his father in the business in 1997 after completing his education at Episcopal High School and Florida State University. He shares his life with his wife, Mary Claire Miller, and their three children—Quinn, Evelyn, and Hannah. Ted's passion for family, community, and faith reflects a life dedicated to service and leadership.

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Sue Engemann

Bio: Sue is Jacksonville born and raised and attended local schools and then Winthrop College in South Carolina. She began her church career in 1997 at St. Mark's, Jacksonville. In 2009, she began serving at Grace Episcopal in Orange Park, and in 2011, she simultaneously served at St. Mary's, GCS. In 2013, she was invited to join the staff at St. John's Cathedral and served there for several years before moving to the diocesan office. The end of 2023, she retired from full-time work and is now serving again at her home church, St. Mark's in Jacksonville.

It has been her joy and privilege to serve in a diocese that is led by the Holy Spirit, celebrates the life-giving message of Jesus Christ, and encourages and promotes servant ministry.

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Melissa Murphy Bryant

Bio: I am thrilled to be part of the Commission on Ministry. A little but about me: I am the proud mother of two sons, Maddox (20) and Murphy (17). My boys and I moved to Fernandina 13+ years ago and became members of St Peters. As a life long Episcopalian I have been involved in many areas of the church. At St Peters I have volunteered in many capacities: children's chapel, as a Eucharistic Minister, Wednesday night programing and I was a member of a Capital Campaign Committee. Within the Diocese I have worked on many Happening teams and am currently a member of Steering Committee and as serve as the Assistant Lay Director. For fun I like to cook, travel and spend time with family and friends.

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Richard Phelan

Bio: Currently serves as a Lay Eucharistic Visitor/Lay Eucharistic Minister/Lay Pastoral Care Minister at Good Shepherd, Mentor in Veterans Treatment Court in St Johns County, Substitute Teacher in Clay County, Worship Service leader at Gateway Community Services in Jacksonville. Volunteer with Clara White Mission, Eartha's Farm and Market and VFW Post 7909. He has participated in many courses in the Bishop's Institute over the last few years including the Lay Preaching Course.

Professionally, Rich has 19 years of experience in the energy industry in the Jacksonville area serving customers including JEA and starting an energy committee with the Chamber of Commerce. Included in his career are 14 years as a senior director of an energy trading and asset management group covering the United States and Canada and Mexico as well. He received his BBA with a focus on Accounting from the University of North Florida (UNF).

Rich served in the United States Navy for 10 years and three ships with his last duty station being Naval Station Mayport. He has lived in Jacksonville since 1996. He has three children and seven grandchildren all living in Florida along with his Mom and three of his four brothers.

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Marcy Muldrow Sanders, DrPh, MBA

Bio: Marcy Muldrow Sanders is a native Floridian and a parishioner at St. John's Episcopal Church in Tallahassee. Her lay calling in the church is pastoral care and healing and reconciliation. She has served on the vestry of St. John's as the pastoral care commissioner. She is a Stephen Minister and a Licensed Lay Pastoral Care Minister. Most recently Marcy served on the Diocesan Healing and Reconciliation Convocation Committee. She serves on the Diocesan Anti-Racism Commission, and is the Parliamentarian of the Fr. Henry David Brooks UBE, Chapter. She is also currently enrolled in the Diocesan Licensed Lay Preacher course.

Marcy is a retired Navy Commander, and currently works as a defense contractor with the Defense Innovation Unit/National Security Innovation Network. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with friends and family, making Anglican rosaries and other crafts, hanging out in nature, reading and television.

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The Rev. Lonnie Lacy

Bio: The Rev. Lonnie Lacy accepted the call to serve as rector of St. John's, Tallassee in 2022. Prior to joining us in the Diocese of Florida, he served sixteen years in his home Diocese of Georgia, the last thirteen of which were as rector of St. Anne's Episcopal Church in Tifton, Georgia. During his time in Georgia, he served on the Commission on Ministry, as Chair of the Diocesan Examining Chaplains, and as a member of the Diocesan Council. He is a certified congregational development trainer through the Church Development Institute and has a keen interest in helping clergy and parishes thrive through strong, collaborative leadership and a theology of grace.

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The Reverend Deacon Beth Ranoull

Bio: Deacon Beth serves at Church of Our Saviour in Jacksonville where she and her family have worshipped for the last 18 years. Prior to her ordination, she served as Director of Children's and Family Ministries.

A native of Decatur Alabama, Beth graduated from Auburn University with a B.A. in political science and a master's degree in public administration. She attended the School for Diaconal Formation in the Diocese of Florida and was ordained a Deacon by the Right Reverend Samuel Johnson Howard on February 17, 2022

Currently, Beth is the Pediatric Program Coordinator for Community Hospice and Palliative Care, and she believes in living her life as a testimony of God's faithfulness – sharing the love of Jesus through kindness and compassion.

Beth and her husband Jeff reside in St Johns County and together have 5 children and one grandchild.

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The Reverend William Stokes

Bio: Rev. William Stokes is the Rector of St. James Episcopal Church in Lake City. Before his current call, he served as the Associate Rector at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Jacksonville. William attended Sewanee: The University of the South for his undergraduate and theological studies.

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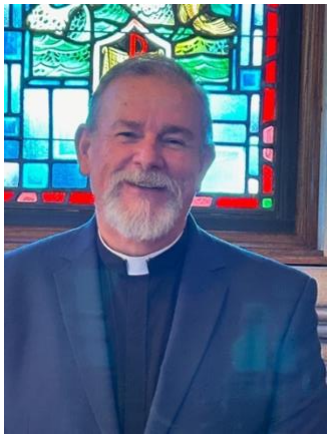

The Reverend Todd Prox

Bio: Fr Todd is the Vicar of St Andrews in beautiful downtown Interlachen. He has been a lifelong resident of the area, growing up right next door in the unincorporated town of Mannville. For the past 28 years, Todd has been employed by the University of Florida Department of Chemistry as an Engineer responsible for the design and manufacture of scientific instruments and devices.

As a bi-vocational priest he is acutely aware of the rising need for both traditional and bi-vocational priests. Fr Todd has a passion for Rural Ministry. The needs of the rural mission churches and their outreach are an important part of our diocese and deserve well trained and qualified clergy.

Serving on the Commission on Ministry is an honor and a task not taken lightly. He looks forward to assisting those discerning ordination in finding the path best suited for their individual journey.

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Ex Officio

The Reverend Canon Douglas Dupree

Bio: The Bishop's Institute for Ministry and Leadership was established in the Episcopal Diocese of Florida to provide opportunities to develop lay and clergy leadership in the Diocese; to assist in the preparation of candidates for ordination to the vocational diaconate and the priesthood; to prepare candidates for licensed lay ministries and to be a focus for the continuing education for laity and clergy alike. Previously I was for many years a university chaplain and dean.

Liaison to the Standing Committee

The Rev. Justin Yawn