



THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF FLORIDA

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Douglas F. Scharf

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Douglas F. Scharf was elected bishop coadjutor of the Diocese of Southwest Florida on April 2, 2022. He was ordained and consecrated as a bishop on September 24, 2022, in Sarasota, Fla. He was seated as the sixth bishop of the diocese on December 10, 2022, at the Cathedral Church of St. Peter in St. Petersburg. Prior to his 2022 election, Bishop Scharf was the Rector of Good Shepherd Episcopal Church and School in Tequesta, FL (January 2017-June 2022). He served as rector of Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church (October 2007 – 2016) in Valrico, FL. He also served as associate rector of Church of the Holy Spirit (June 2004 – October 2007) in Osprey, FL.



Bishop Scharf earned a B.A. in English from Florida Gulf Coast University (2002); an M.Div. from Virginia Theological Seminary (2004); and a D.Min. from Emory University, Candler School of Theology (2018) with a concentration in Biblical Interpretation and Proclamation.

In addition to parish ministry, Bishop Scharf has served in various leadership roles within his diocesan communities and the wider Episcopal Church, including Standing Committee President, Convocation Dean, and two-time Deputy to General Convention.

Born in 1979, Bishop Scharf was raised in the Diocese of Southwest Florida, the son of the Rev. Frederick Scharf and Carol Scharf. He and his wife Shannon are the parents of three children: Clayton, Parker, and Grady. His hobbies include music (he plays piano), reading, hiking, kayaking, and spending time in the beauty of God's creation.