

The Rev. M. Dorian Del Priore

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

Rector, Holy Cross Episcopal Church, Simpsonville, SC **Feb. 2022 – Present**

- Have overseen the revitalization and renewal of a parish that had been in decline.
 - Focus on cultivating an atmosphere where people can experience God's love and grace
- Average Sunday Attendance has more than doubled in 4 years
 - 82 Average Sunday Attendance in 2021 to 191 ASA in 2025, over 200 ASA in 2026 thus far
- Completely redeveloped financial systems and nearly doubled the church operating budget
- In combination with our Academy (infant through 5K), oversee approximately \$1,800,000 budget
- Redevelopment of Mission and Outreach, Children, Youth Ministries, and Financial Systems
- Cultivated a culture of vocational discernment and leadership development

Canon for Mission & Evangelism, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Columbia, SC **2017-2022**

- Sharing in priestly leadership with Clergy staff of a resource parish (pre-covid ASA of 700+)
- Provided stable leadership during covid and a dean transition.
- Direct oversight of Mission & Outreach (Faith in Action), Newcomers, Parish Life, Communications, Children, Youth, & Young Adult Ministries
- Cultivating leadership and a collaborative culture across widely-varied programming
- Charged with increased engagement and deepened relationships through lay leadership development, fellowship groups, special events, and parish initiatives.
- College and Young Adult Ministries: Canterbury of Columbia, Vernon Scholars, God on Tap, etc.
- Supervision of Staff: Director of Youth Ministries, Children's Minister, Newcomer Coordinator, Membership Secretary, and Director of Communications.

Episcopal Chaplain, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC **2017-2022**

- Revitalized the campus ministry (Canterbury of Columbia), increasing weekly participation from 4 students to regularly 20+ through student-led evangelism/outreach
- Experienced growth during covid lockdown (met safely outdoors)
- Intentional focus on leadership development and vocational discernment

Associate Rector, St. Peter's Episcopal, Greenville, SC **2014-2017**

- Engaged in regular preaching, teaching, liturgical celebration, and pastoral care, sharing in priestly leadership with the Rector at a growing program-sized parish
- Liturgical Innovation: developed special liturgies, such as Election Eve Eucharist & Triathlon Blessing
- Contributed to Congregational Development Support & Ideation
- Oversight of all Children, Youth, and Family Ministries
 - 4 youth per year on the Diocesan Youth Leadership Committee (2014, 2015, & 2016)
- Development, Support, & Recruiting for new mission opportunities: Laundry Love, Mentor Upstate

Seminarian, Virginia Theological Seminary, Alexandria, VA **2011-2014**

- 2013 Student Body President.
 - Student representative on the VTS Board of Trustees
 - Co-facilitated weekly Dean's Table with the Dean, the Very Rev. Ian Markham
 - Chair of the Student Body Executive Council
 - Liaison between student body and institution/administration
 - Facilitated student interviews of prospective faculty/administration (involved in 4 hires)
- Field Education site: St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, Washington, DC
- Recipient of the prestigious Ford Chair (2014): "In recognition of overall contributions and strong commitment to the community life and mission of Virginia Theological Seminary."

- Off-Hill Proctor: Coordinated off-campus community life
- Coach/Manager of VTS Fighting Friars Flag Football Team 2012 & 2013.
- Best Sermon Award at Washington Theological Consortium 2014 Sermon Slam
- Holy Land pilgrimage/study tour with St. George's College in Jerusalem, Jan. 2013
- Represented VTS on Holy Week pilgrimage to Canterbury Cathedral, Spring 2014.

Director of Youth Ministry, St. John's Episcopal Church, Columbia, SC 2007-2011

- Responsible for oversight of the faith formation of the youth community for a vibrant, program-sized parish.
 - Including, but not limited to: EYC (Sunday night youth group), Sunday School, Confirmation, Missions, Retreats, Diocesan Events, Bible studies, prayer breakfasts, acolytes, and more.
- Rebuilt and redeveloped the parish's youth ministry from the ground up to create a thriving ministry.
- Managed and collaborated with a volunteer staff of 24+ people
- Expanded mission opportunities to include local, regional, and international.
 - Facilitated 3 missions to Ecuador, incorporating youth from around the diocese
- Contributed to Adult Formation and Servant Ministry Committee
 - Assisted in development of backpack food program for homeless/transient kids at Hand Middle School

LEADERSHIP IN THE DIOCESE & WIDER CHURCH

Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina

- Standing Committee & Diocesan Executive Council, 2017-2019, 2025-Present, current Vice President
- Commission on the Diocese, 2025-Present, Chair 2026
- Commission on Ministry, 2021-2023, 2025-Present, Co-chair 2023
- General Convention Deputy, 2024 (Louisville) & 2027 (Phoenix)
- Member of the Board of Examining Chaplains 2016-2018, Chair 2017-2018
 - Developed a Portfolio Process & Retreat to replace the use of General Ordination Exams
- Commission for Congregations, 2017-2019, Chair 2018-2019
- Gravatt Camp & Conference Center Board of Trustees, 2016-2021
 - Chaplain to the Summer Camp Staff, 2017-2021
- Christian Formation Commission, 2015-2016
- Diocesan Youth Leadership Committee, 2008-2011

Vice President, Education Equals Hope Board of Trustees 2024-Present

- Education Equals Hope exists to provide for the education of those living in desperate and difficult situations: <https://educationequalshope.org/>
- Ministry sites in: Ecuador, Costa Rica, Haiti, Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda, and Madagascar

Other Professional Experience

2006-2007 **Inspector/Owner**, The Dorian Company, Home Inspections, Columbia, SC
 2000-2006 **Realtor & Licensed Home Builder**, Representing Del Priore Construction, Inc., Columbia, SC

Ordinations

Ordination to the Priesthood, Diocese of Upper South Carolina January 23, 2015
 Ordination to the Diaconate, Diocese of Upper South Carolina June 7, 2014

Education

2011-2014	Virginia Theological Seminary	Master in Divinity
1997-2003	University of South Carolina	Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies
1996-1997	College of Charleston	Biology Major, Pre-Medicine