



THE CHURCH *of* ST ALBAN *the* MARTYR

A Parish of the Anglican Church in North America

To the Bishop, Clergy, and Delegates of the Diocese of Fort Worth,

Since my appointment in July of 2024, it has been an honor to serve as Diocesan Liturgist. I work very closely with Bishop Reed, Deacon Kerwin Wade (Bishop's Chaplain and Canon Liturgist), and Diocesan Staff to plan various annual liturgies, such as:

- Masses and Offices celebrated at Diocesan Clergy Retreat each January
- The "Mass of Collegiality" celebrated at St Vincent's Cathedral on Tuesday during Holy Week
- Opening Mass and Offices celebrated at Diocesan Convention each November

The Diocesan Liturgist also plays a consultative role within the life of the Diocese and is available to all clergy for any liturgical questions or concerns. All parishes are expected to abide by the rubrics of the Book of Common Prayer and the Customary for the Diocese of Fort Worth. The Diocesan Liturgist is a resource for answering questions pertaining to these liturgical guides. In particular, Rectors, Vicars, and Priests-in-Charge are encouraged to consult the Diocesan Liturgist for occasional liturgies, such as:

- Annual Episcopal Visitation
- Institution of a Rector
- Consecration of a Place of Worship
- Ordination of a Deacon or Priest
- Diocesan Events
- Holy Week Liturgies

In 2025 I was please to host three Zoom Liturgy Practicum sessions for newer clergy to the diocese. These Zoom meetings presented useful material on hearing Confessions, Sick Calls & Last Rites, and Catholic devotional practices in the Anglican Tradition.

I am here to serve the Priests and Parishes of the Diocese in whatever way that I can be of assistance. Please reach out to me when you need a helping hand.

Respectfully submitted,

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