

THE VERY REV. DR. DOUGLAS FREDERICK SCHARF

Canonical Residency: Southeast Florida
Virginia Theological Seminary, M.Div., 2004
Ordained Deacon: June 2004
Ordained Priest: December 2004

EDUCATION

EMORY UNIVERSITY, CANDLER SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY: ATLANTA, GA

Doctor of Ministry: May 2018

Concentration: Biblical Interpretation and Proclamation

Thesis: A Living Hope: First Peter as a Model for Preaching Eschatology in the 21st Century

VIRGINIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY: Alexandria, VA

Master in Divinity: May 2004 *Cum Laude*

ASBURY METHODIST VILLAGE: Gaithersburg, MD

Clinical Pastoral Education, Unit 1: Summer 2002

FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY: Fort Myers, FL

Bachelor of Arts, English: June 2001 *Cum Laude*

PARISH EXPERIENCE

GOOD SHEPHERD EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND SCHOOL (*January 2017 – Present*) – Rector

- Fostered congregational growth and vitality (2020 ASA 343 – 23% increase since 2017)
- Facilitated comprehensive Strategic Planning and Revisioning process
- Deepened the relationship and missional partnership between Church and School
- Developed and initiated Master Campus Plan for both Church and School
- Empowered lay leadership through training, study and formation opportunities
- Expanded community partnerships and outreach ministries
- Hired additional clergy and lay staff in response to congregational growth
- Invested in the intentional development of intergenerational ministries, including the hiring of a full-time Youth and Family Minister
- Managed the combined operating budgets of Church and School of \$2.5 million and investment funds totaling \$1.4 million

HOLY INNOCENTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH (*October 2007 - 2016*) – Rector

- Developed congregational growth strategies resulting in 40% increase in ASA over 5 years
- Facilitated capital campaign to renovate main worship space
- Facilitated capital campaign to renovate administration building and expand parish hall
- Designed and implemented midweek formation and worship opportunities
- Expanded staff, including the addition of an Assistant Rector and part-time Youth Minister
- Integrated technology in worship and Christian education
- Cultivated an increased focus on community engagement through local feeding programs and partnerships with local schools

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT: Osprey, FL (*June 2004 – October 2007*) – Associate Rector

- Developed and implemented ecumenical young adult and college ministry
- Assisted with the coordination and leadership of interfaith conferences focused on healing, reconciliation, and congregational renewal
- Expanded opportunities for adult education and formation

VOCATIONAL ASPIRATIONS

- To continue to develop my gifts as a congregational leader through ongoing professional development and personal study
- To further refine and cultivate my gifts of preaching and teaching
- To work to create sustainable models of congregational growth and vitality
- To pursue opportunities for diocesan leadership within the Episcopal Church

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

- North Palm Beach Deanery, Dean (*2020 – Present*)
- Leadership Team for Episcopal Schools, Southeast Florida (*2019 – Present*)
- Executive Board, Episcopal Diocese of Southeast Florida (*2018 – Present*)
- Episcopal General Convention, Deputy (*2012, 2015*)
- Tampa Deanery, Dean (*2013 – 2016*)
- Acting Chair, 47th Diocesan Convention of Southwest Florida (*2015*)
- Standing Committee, President (*2013 – 2015*)
- Standing Committee, Episcopal Diocese of Southwest Florida (*2009 – 2015*)
- Chairperson, Subcommittee for Church Planting (*2008 – 2011*)
- Committee for Congregational Development (*2008 – 2011*)
- Diocesan Council, Episcopal Diocese of Southwest Florida (*2005 – 2007*)
- Spiritual Director (*Cursillo, Happening, and Kairos ministries*)

CONTINUING EDUCATION

- CEEP Annual Conference – (*2019 - 2020*)
- NAES Biannual Conference – (*2018, 2020*)
- Sabbatical Leave – Pilgrimage to Rome (*2014*)
- Behold the Man – Pilgrimage to the Holy Land (*2013*)
- Oxford Summer School – Oxford University (*July 2005*)
- German Language Studies – University of Florida (*2006*)
- Professional Study Leave – Duke University (*November 2006*)
Study Area: History of Biblical Interpretation
- Safeguarding God's Children: Child Abuse Prevention Training (*Last Renewed: 2017*)
- The People Map Basic Training Program: The People Map is a personality system used to determine and understand personality type in order to foster healthy relationships. (*2006*)
- Peacemaker Ministries: Biblical Conflict Resolution (*2005*)
- Conflict Management Training: Alban Institute (*2003*)

SKILLS AND PERSONAL QUALITIES

- Preaching, Teaching, and Mentoring
- Leadership and Administration
- Congregational Development
- Pastoral Care and Active Listening

INTERESTS AND HOBBIES

- I am committed to a regular pattern of prayer and study, which includes the discipline of praying the Daily Office.
- For recreation, I enjoy reading, hiking, kayaking, golf, and music (playing the piano)
- I also cherish time with my wife, Shannon, to whom I've been married for 22 years, and our three sons, Clayton (17), Parker (14), and Grady (10).