

A SEMINARIAN'S JOURNEY

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When someone is called into vocational ministry it can lead to a number of fulfilling careers that encompass serving the Lord in mighty ways. For me, after my undergraduate studies, I felt that God desired something quite different for my life than the career path I had chosen in the furniture industry. To be honest, at the time, I was a bit afraid of ministry and felt unworthy of such a call. There was a deep yearning inside of me to serve others and the Lord, but that didn't fully manifest itself until 17 years later.

My personal calling into ministry began in 2019 after a wilderness experience in my life led me to fully surrender every facet of my life to the Lord. For eight long months, I fought surrendering to my Creator. Things crossed my mind like, where would I have to go? What would I have to do? I was comforted when God gave me complete peace in my surrender and allowed me to rest in him as I was able to fully participate in the leading of the Holy Spirit. Daily, I have learned to fully embrace the words of Psalm 119:105, *"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."* Indeed, as I have done just that, every path that God has laid before me has led to something far greater than I could have ever imagined.

Having always grown up around smaller parishes, coming to St. Peter's to participate in a summer fellows program seemed daunting. My experience has been anything but that! Rather, it has been warm and welcoming, while the presence of the Lord has been constant. God is truly alive here!

The Charles Simeon Institute has allowed me to gain an in-depth experience of the parish life of a cathedral. The multi-faceted ministry experience has broadened my understanding of what is entailed in serving in a large parish with various ministries. I have greatly appreciated being able to participate in Family Bible School, leading the Daily Office, preaching, teaching, pastoral visits, and wonderful fellowship with you all. It is profoundly evident each and every day that the people of St. Peter's fully exhibit the fruits of the Spirit.

As I enter my final year at Trinity School for Ministry, I am excited to see what the Lord continues to have in store for my journey into ministry. As we all seek to love and serve the Lord I am reminded of the vivid words of 1 Corinthians 15:58, *"Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."*

God bless you all!

**During the month of July, each edition of The Keys will run for two Sundays in a row with minor changes in the pages that follow.*

DISCIPLESHIP

CARE MINISTRIES: HEALING THE WOUNDS OF TRAUMA | A WEEKEND RETREAT

Some experiences in life are so painful they cause deep and lasting suffering. That suffering is what we call *trauma*. Trauma is a deep wound of the heart and mind that takes a long time to heal. It hurts every part of us and our relationships, our bodies, our thoughts, and our faith. In addition to providing lessons that lead people on a journey of healing, the Healing the Wounds of Trauma Retreat forms a small group that creates a space for real conversations about heart wounds, the purpose of lament, and the nature of spiritual flourishing in a broken world. The weekend will be *Friday evening 29 July, all day Saturday, 30 July, and Sunday afternoon 31 July*. Attendance at all sessions is required and the cost of the weekend including Saturday lunch is \$10. If you are interested, would like to learn more, or register, contact Alice Sanderson at Alice@StPetersFL.com or call 850.701.0664.

ST. PETER'S ARTISANS | NEW GALLERY WALL ART | Check out the Gallery Wall in the undercroft to see artwork by *Selah!* – a Christian artist group located in Tallahassee, FL. As a collective of Christian creatives, *Selah!* is making a space for fellowship in their pursuit of excellence. The collective engages in dialogue with Jesus Christ through their art and serves the community in Tallahassee. *Selah!* seeks to bring their work to the feet of Jesus, distill their theology of art making, and cultivate local culture. Follow them on Instagram [@selah_artists](https://www.instagram.com/selah_artists)

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS & BACK TO SCHOOL CELEBRATION | AUGUST 14

ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS! Let's start the school year with prayers for you and your backpack! Bring your backpack to church, and we will pray and bless you during the service. We will have frozen treats between services to celebrate the beginning of the new school year.

MAKE ART MONDAY | JULY 18 | 6–8:30pm

We will be painting 'prayer nests' on watercolor paper with ink and acrylics! No experience necessary! Class size is limited, but a few spots are still open so register yourself and a friend today at StPetersFL.com/register



Monday, July 18

Prayer Nest Paintings | Liz Snowden

CAMP ARAMINTA!

Pray for our students and leaders participating in Camp Araminta with other students from around the Gulf Atlantic Diocese. They'll be at Lake Swan Camp from July 18–23 building Christian Community through fellowship, living the Christian ideal from day to day, and learning to hold each other accountable.

YOUNG ADULTS GATHERING

8pm | Tuesdays | Starbucks at 3425 Thomasville Road
Join us throughout the summer for conversations about faith (led by group participants) and coordinating mission opportunities with others. The theme this summer is Apologetics. For more information, contact Fr. David Marten at David@StPetersFL.com

CARE MINISTRIES: BOOK NOOK

Did you know we have a book nook outside the Parish Hall? Feel free to borrow books on topics like parenting, grandparenting, grief, and more!

MISSIONS & EVANGELISM

LIFE: AWPC-THE BELLY BOUTIQUE

The Belly Boutique, through A Women's Pregnancy Center (AWPC), is currently in need of baby wipes as well as size 4&5 diapers. If you are able to donate, please leave items in Fr. Bill's office or contact Elizabeth Carrouth at 850.294.8610.

The Belly Boutique is also in need of backup volunteers—helpers who can fill in on short notice when they are understaffed. If St. Peter's could provide five volunteers, this would be most helpful. These volunteers will only work behind the scenes, organizing and folding baby clothes. Shifts would only be three hours or so and there will always be the opportunity to say “no” if your schedule does not allow. If you'd like to be a very part-time volunteer, please contact the Belly Boutique Director, Vicki Wood, at 850.524.0637.

UNDER-RESOURCED: SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

The Daughters of the Holy Cross Summer 2022 Discernment Class is organizing a School Supply Drive for the Refugee community here in Tallahassee. As you may have recently read in the Keys and heard from fellow parishioner Michelle Ubben, St. Peter's has adopted a Refugee family and is partnering with International Rescue Committee (IRC) to help support the current and projected Refugees in and coming to our community. The Daughters are asking you, our parish family, to donate a backpack and/or a \$25 gift card to Walmart or Target. School backpacks generally run between \$20-25 at Walmart and Target.

There are currently 100 children of Refugee families that we aim to serve in the coming weeks by providing school supplies, including backpacks. Of the 100 students, 60 are in elementary school, and the remaining 40 are in middle and high school. All donated gift cards will be used to purchase school supplies.

Join us in providing:

- 100 backpacks (universal, gender neutral)
- 100 gift cards of \$25 each from either Walmart or Target

Look for the Yellow School Bus box in the Narthex to drop off your backpack and/or gift card! The deadline to drop off backpacks and gift cards is Sunday, July 31st.

Thank you for your support and we pray that you will join us in being the hands and feet of Jesus!



THE BIG RED BUS IS HERE TODAY!

Sunday, 17 July | 10am–3:30pm | Help save lives and donate blood! All donors will receive a towel and a \$20 eGift card. For more information and to sign up, visit StPetersFL.com/bigredbus

MESSY MONDAY MORNINGS

Mondays in June and July, 9–10am | Open to all children! This is a great opportunity to invite friends, family, and neighbors to something at the Cathedral and to get the kids out of the house and come share fellowship with other families in our parish and community. We have lawn activities and messy art crafts each week.

WORSHIP

VISITING THE CATHEDRAL?

Welcome—we're so glad you're worshipping with us today! Our nursery is available during Sunday morning services for children newborn through Kindergarten. We hope you'll join us on the lawn for coffee & other refreshments between morning services!

CATHEDRAL PRAYER LIST & CARE MINISTRIES



If you have any pastoral needs or know of someone who needs pastoral care and prayer, please contact Care Ministries Coordinator, Alice Sanderson at Alice@StPetersFL.com

Please call the Cathedral Office at 850.701.0664 or email Alice@StPetersFL.com to be added to the Cathedral Prayer List. **YOU CAN ALSO SUBMIT A PRAYER REQUEST OR CARE MINISTRY NEED AT StPetersFL.com/PRAYER**

Military: Lucas Bell, Jose Betancourt, Lt. Col. David Chichetti, SSG Corey Daws, Major Daniel Dean, Capt. James Dilworth, Capt. John Easterbrook Jr, Airman Drew Edwards, Sgt. Michael Gaskins, SSgt Corey Owen, Capt. Griffin Jax, Capt. Griffin Jax, Capt. Savannah B. Jax, 1st Lt. Parker Jax, 1st Lt. Chandler B. Jax, 1st Lt. Carson Jax, 1st Lt. Rebecca Jax, Gabriel Melendez, Col. Burt Newman, Major Gen. John Richardson, Capt. Oliver Rushing, Andrew Sanderson, Lt. Cmdr. Chris Smith, SFC Dewey Spence, Lt. Patrick Swain, Capt. Parry Thomas, Lt. Cmdr. Blake Van Brunt Jr, Tommy VanLandingham MM3, Seaman Benjamin Waddill.

Parishioners, Relatives, and Friends: Major Harding, Chris Chrischilles, Kathryn Neal, Beryl Dean, Janice Tucker, Marian Williams, Jackie Kemp, Bart & Connie MacFarlane, Shirley Coyle, Phyllis Schmidt, Ben Allen, Joan Moore, Vicki Spitzer

CARE MINISTRIES: LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS NEEDED!

The Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEM-Vs) take communion to those who are unable to attend Sunday services at the Cathedral. If you're interested in serving in this ministry, please contact Alice Sanderson at Alice@StPetersFL.com

PREK3-12TH GRADE
**CHORISTER
CAMP**

JULY 25-JULY 29 | 8:30AM-12:30PM

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FINANCIAL MINUTE

Total Operating Budget: \$2,896,155.24 | % Collected YTD: 76.99% | Debt Retired in July: \$12,034.38

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