

A CANON FOR CATHEDRAL OPERATIONS

by *The Very Rev'd Marcus A. Kaiser, Sr. | Dean & Rector*

WHAT IS IT?

First, what is a ‘Canon for Cathedral Operations?’ The simplest answer is this—it’s a title I made up. Well, not entirely. Senior assistants at a cathedral bear the title of ‘Canon,’ but I’m writing this article to introduce you to a new position here at St. Peter’s. At other churches, you might call the position ‘Executive Pastor,’ and in other lines of work, it might be called a ‘Chief of Staff’ or ‘Chief of Operations.’ In the English cathedral tradition, we could also use the term ‘Provost’ or ‘Sub-Dean.’ I opted to try out the term ‘Canon for Cathedral Operations’ simply because it’s hopefully more self-explanatory (yet here I am explaining it). In short, the CCO will oversee most of the staff and will report directly to the Dean.

WHY DO WE NEED A CCO?

In 2018, the vestry unanimously appointed an action team to conduct a Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) Analysis of the Cathedral staff and operations. One of the major recommendations of that analysis was to “seek to fund and procure an experienced Chief of Staff...” Although the team suggested doing that in advance of calling a new Dean, the Interim Dean decided to allow the new Dean to make that call himself.

After nearly two years here, I have come to agree with the SWOT recommendation. We need a Chief of Staff. Chalk it up to my inabilities and limitations, but the office of the Dean is more than I can do alone, at least for very long. While we don’t have a pressing need for more clergy, we do have a pressing need for the CCO position.

WHY NOW?

There are a few reasons why I believe this is the right time to bring on a CCO. First, there are things I need to do that I have failed to get to. I need to be preaching more, but the responsibilities of running a large staff and being increasingly involved in diocesan and provincial leadership haven’t left me time to do that. I need to give our staff and our congregation more of my time with more listening and availability. Most of all, I intend to stay in this saddle for a long time—so long as the Lord equips and allows me to, so this is a decision for the long run. Second, now is the right time to budget a new position. Our fiscal year begins in November, and we are in the process of developing the 2023 budget now, so if I had not come to the vestry requesting to budget the position now, it would’ve remained unbudgeted for another full year. Finally, on a purely practical level, I had a fish on the line. I have been praying about the possibility of this position for well over two years—since the possibility of coming to St. Peter’s first appeared. The Lord kept bringing one person to mind. When I approached him earlier this year about the possibility, and as he and his wife prayed about the possibility, it became clear that this was the right time for them and for us.

OKAY, GET TO IT... WHO?

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I have called the Rev'd Canon David Pucik to be our Canon for Cathedral Operations. Fr. David was first ordained as a Baptist minister and, after being received as an Anglican priest, served as Canon Pastor to the Cathedral Church of the Apostles in Columbia, South Carolina (ACNA Diocese of the Carolinas). While there, we worked closely together both as ministers in the same region and as members of the ACNA Liturgy Task Force under Archbishop Duncan. After leaving Columbia, Fr. David served as the Rector of St. Mark's Anglican Church in Moultrie, Georgia, so he's no stranger to our area. Most recently, he has been on a sabbatical from ministry for several months discerning his next call and working in IT while completing a Master of Sacred Theology from Nashotah House.

Just as important as Fr. David is his family. He and his wife, Kristen, have two young sons, Nate (3) and Cal (7). A major part of our discernment and theirs is how beautifully I know they will fit into our cathedral family.

Fr. David is eager to jump into the life of St. Peter's with both feet! His first Sunday will be August 14th, and I invite you all to say hello to him there. I can't tell you what a relief it will be to have him on board, and I know you will love the Puciks well, and they, you.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

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CATHEDRAL GIFTS & BOOKS

Saturday | 9am-Noon
Sunday | 9am-1pm
Monday | Closed
Tuesday | 10am-3pm
Wednesday | 10am-3pm
Thursday | 10am-3pm

AUGUST 6-11
THE PARISH HALL

BACKPACK BLESSING & 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.

SECOND SUNDAY MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL PARTY | 6:30-8pm | August 14

Join us at the Youth House for food, fellowship, and fun! Contact Fr. David Marten for more information.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY | Celebrate Recovery is a national 12-step program that enables people to deal with hurts, hang-ups, fears, and compulsions inflicted by life. Killlearn United Methodist Church is hosting a Celebrate Recovery Step Study for men, which will begin on *Sunday, September 11*, and will be led by our own Matt Brown. For more information, contact Matt.

MISSIONS & EVANGELISM

PARTNERED EVANGELISM: TARMAC BASKETBALL ON THE NEWS!

Did you see the local news coverage of our own Discipled Evangelism Core Captain, Susan Newhouse Burton's Tarmac Basketball Camp? Ed Buist was a featured speaker at the camp and shared how his faith helped him while fighting in the Vietnam War. If you missed it, check out StPetersFL.com/tarmac-story to see the news coverage!

Special thanks to all those who donated basketballs and funds for the camp, as well as all those who gave their time to help put it on!

MISSIONS & EVANGELISM THROUGH THE SUMMER!

Thank you, Jesus, for allowing us the blessing and privilege to love others in your name through basketball, baking, backpacks, school supplies, dancing, games, food, new friendships, and trips across the globe!

It's been a busy and fulfilling summer with Missions & Evangelism and there's more in store for the fall! Get ready for prayer walks with children, youth, and adults, opportunities to serve with various ministry partners through mentoring, tutoring, and much, much more! The Spirit is alive and moving and there's a place for each of us and the gifts God has so graciously bestowed upon us.

LIFE: AWPC CELEBRATION OF LIFE BANQUET

A Women's Pregnancy Center (AWPC) will host their Annual Celebration of Life Benefit Banquet on *Thursday, October 13, 2022* at the Civic Center. Former Vice-President, Mike Pence, will be the Honorary Speaker.

We would love to have St. Peter's well represented this year! Last year's event was sold out well in advance. God is so good! If you are interested in sponsoring a table (consists of inviting guests to sit at your table, who would be interested in giving to AWPC, whether one time or on-going), please contact Cheri West at AWPC at 850.297.1174 by *Thursday, August 11*.



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. Savannah B. Jax, 1st Lt. Parker Jax, Capt. Chandler B. Jax, 1st Lt. Carson Jax, 1st Lt. Rebecca Jax, Gabriel Melendez, Col. Burt Newman, Major Gen. John Richardson, Capt. Oliver Rushing, Spc. 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: Joan West, Les Clemens, Cindy Gray, Garth Jax, Courtney Evans, Keith Rowe, Elaine, Mary Moore, Chris Chrischilles, Kathryn Neal, Marian Williams, 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

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!

Banns of Marriage

We publish the Banns of Marriage between Carolyne Elise Bradford and Joseph Williams Thomas and bid your prayers on their behalf. If any of you know cause, or just impediment, why these persons should not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, you are to declare it.

This is the third time of asking.



FINANCIAL MINUTE

Total Operating Budget: \$2,896,155.24 | % Collected YTD: 80.61% | Debt Retired in August: \$11,860.00
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