

Carey's Conversations

"O Holy Spirit, whose presence is liberty, grant us that freedom of the Spirit which will not fear to tread in unknown ways, nor be held back by misgivings of ourselves and fear of others. Ever beckon us forward to the place of thy will which is also the place of thy power, O ever-leading, ever-loving Lord. Amen.

— George Appleton, from ***The Oxford Book of Prayer***, p.92

A number of weeks ago I received a phone call from our bishop. Now when a bishop calls a priest on the phone there can be a sudden rise in the priest's blood pressure, "What did I do, am I in trouble?" I was greatly relieved to hear Bishop Benfield ask me if I could use a little help from another priest. It was a no-brainer and I immediately answered 'yes!'

Mother Curtis, or Sandra, if you prefer, was recently ordained a priest at our diocesan convention. Prior to ordination she was the librarian at the lower school of the Episcopal Collegiate School (pre K – 6th grade). She is currently working during the week as the Chaplain of the lower school at Episcopal (Emily's chaplain)! In addition to her work as a chaplain she also serves as Dean of the Iona School, a new educational program established by our bishop for the purpose of training those who are going to be future priests and deacons but who aren't going to seminary. She will serve on Sundays at St. Luke's at the bishop's pleasure and under my direct supervision. Her position will be non-stipendiary, which means that she will not be paid by St. Luke's. Her primary goals while at St. Luke's will be to gain some experience with liturgy as a celebrant at the Eucharist, weddings, funerals, etc., and as preacher.

Mother Curtis is married to Randall Curtis who currently is on the staff of our diocese as Youth and Young Adult Ministry Developer and is on the road with the bishop on most Sundays. They have one daughter, Olivia who attends Episcopal Collegiate.

The Rev. Sandra Curtis will be joining us as a "Priest Associate" on May 18th, the day of the bishop's visitation. It is exciting once again to see St. Luke's become a training station for future deacons and new priests! Let's be sure to give Sandra and Olivia a warm St. Luke's welcome!

Yours in Christ,
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