

The Rev'd Canon Dwight D. Duncan, ssc

Canon Duncan served as Rector of St Matthias' from June 1977 until his retirement in August 2011. Following retirement, he led several parishes during their search for a rector. Returning to St Matthias in November 2020, he assisted our late Rector, Fr Christopher Cantrell, until his death in March 2024, whereupon the Bishop of Fort Worth appointed Canon Duncan *Interim Rector* during the parish's search for its next Rector. Canon Duncan is a long-time member of the Society of the Holy Cross (ssc), which unites member priests in a shared vision of 'a disciplined priestly life fashioned after a definite spiritual rule' and which is directed towards proclaiming, defending, maintaining and perpetuating in every aspect of their ministry the Catholic and Apostolic Faith and Order of Christ's Church.

Born in Alexandria, Virginia 8th September 1945, Canon Duncan spent all his formative years there. Intending to pursue a career in law, he graduated from the College of the University of Virginia in 1967 with a Bachelor of Arts, *with Honors*, in Government and Political Science and then matriculated in its School of Law. Questioning whether he had a vocation to the Priesthood, he left there to pursue studies at the Episcopal Theological School in Cambridge, Massachusetts, from which he graduated in 1971, having married Jean Mongole of Falls Church, Virginia in August 1969. Ordained to the Diaconate in June 1971, and to the Priesthood in May 1972, he began ordained ministry in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, ministering under a senior Priest in a Cure comprised of three congregations. Called from there in 1973 to the Senior Curacy of a major parish in the state capital, Richmond, he became its Priest-in-Charge upon the retirement of its Rector in 1976. Before her death in September 2018, Canon Duncan and his wife were blessed with two sons, by whom they have four grandchildren.