

The Very Reverend Robert P. Price

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Current Position

1/19-present **Dean, St. Matthew's Cathedral, Dallas, TX.**

- Led revitalization of congregation and campus through complex land sale and development, unifying multiple stakeholders; provided leadership and creative responses through the pandemic, resulting in significant growth in membership
- Sustained congregational morale and missional focus through catastrophic fire on the campus
- Significantly grew number of young families and children in congregation;
- Significantly increased annual stewardship; launched a successful million dollar capital campaign to complete restoration of campus; coached diverse lay leadership through \$10 million renovation process, making sure different viewpoints were heard and congregation was mobilized to meet technical challenges
- Refocused congregation to effectively reach community

Previous Positions

4/20-1/22 **Canon for Congregations, Episcopal Diocese of Dallas.**

- Coached parish clergy and vestries across the diocese through deployment and transition processes, stewardship challenges, and pandemic-related issues
- Recruiting gifted clergy to EDOD including women clergy in leadership positions; assisted Bishop, rectors, and new clergy in curate deployment process
- Responsible for development of diocesan program budget for two fiscal cycles; assisted Bishop and diocesan staff in management of two conventions through unprecedented challenges presented by COVID restrictions
- Gave counsel to Bishop on a range of diocesan ministries; provided counsel and pastoral support to numerous colleagues through this difficult time
- Gained broad familiarity with and affection for the clergy of the diocese.

12/05-12/18 **Rector, St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, Houston, TX.** Led a large program parish (400 ASA), increasing participation in Christian formation and giving (especially among young families); initiated a nationally recognized homelessness ministry; increased stewardship, paid off debt, and renovated the entire campus. Diocesan service: Camp Allen advisory board, summer camp Session Director for eight years.

6/04-12/05 **Curate for Youth and Young Families, Church of the Incarnation, Dallas, TX.** Coached a staff of three full-time lay youth ministers; led visioning and implementation of family-based youth ministry; discipleship responsibility for young fathers.

1/02-6/04 **Curate, Church of St. Michael & St. George, St. Louis, MO.** Youth ministry restart and growth; pastoral oversight to outreach ministries; initiated new parish and diocesan relationship with the Diocese of Lui, Sudan.

Education

- 9/99-12/01 **Yale Divinity School**, Master of Divinity. Chair, YDS Healing Ministry. Organized month-long mission trip to serve with the Episcopal Diocese of Bor, Sudan in offering youth conferences in Bor and at Kakuma Refugee Camp (Kenya). **Berkeley Divinity School**, Diploma of Anglican Studies.
- 8/96-9/99 **Yale University**, Master of Arts in History. Entered PhD program with concentrations in American religious, early American, and early modern English history.
- 9/89-6/94 **Stanford University**, Master of Arts in History and Bachelor of Arts with Honors and Distinction in History. Two terms at Oxford University. Varsity Crew team.

Learning, Teaching, and Leadership

- Spring 2025 **Instructor**, “Thinking Systems: An Introduction to Bowen Systems Theory in Family and Ministry,” Stanton Institute, Episcopal Diocese of Dallas.
- May, 24-- **Coach and Oversight Team**, Church as a Movement Initiative, led by the Rev. Dr. Kwesi Kamau and funded by a major grant from the Lilly Foundation: training congregations across racial and doctrinal differences in discipleship and evangelism that results in impacting communities for justice.
- Spring, 24 **Presenter**, “Healthy Relationships,” St. Francis in the Fields, Louisville, KY, staff retreat; St. Philip’s, Frisco, Stephen Ministry Training.
- 11/19 **Presenter**, Diocesan Leadership Day, “The Distance of the Performer.”
- 5/19 **Presenter and Panelist**, Center for Family Consultation (Evanston, IL) Fall Conference, “Does Bowen Theory Have/Need an Ethic?”
- 1/17 **Presenter and Panelist**, Mo-Ranch Presbyterian Retreat Center Conference on Family Systems, “True Grit: Staying in Ministry and Family for the Long-Term.”
- 6/13 **Featured Interview**, Center for the Study of Natural Systems and the Family Conference, “Triangles in Workplace and Family of Origin.”
- 2/13 **Presenter**, Center for the Study of Natural Systems and the Family Spring Conference, “Dearly Beloved: Systems-based Pre-Marital Counseling.”
- 9/08-5/09 **Defining Leaders Program**, Center for the Study of Natural Systems and the Family, Houston, TX. Intensive seminars in Bowen systems theory, requiring application projects both in the family of origin and in the work setting.

Other Work Experience

- 8/95-5/96 **Chesterfield Day School**, Chesterfield, MO. Taught fourth-grade home room social studies, science, math, and social skills in a Montessori environment.
- 8/94-5/95 **Mary Institute and Saint Louis Country Day School**, Ladue, MO. Taught seventh and eleventh-grade U.S. History and coached the rowing team.

Personal Information

My wife, Kate, and I have been married for 28 years and we are blessed with three sons: Matthew (26), Tommy (24), and Christopher (19). We also have an excitable and friendly black Lab, Lily (4). Kate and I share a hobby in fitness: she runs marathons and I do CrossFit. I have been a passionate participant in the Scouting movement with my three sons (all Eagles) as a Cubmaster, Asst. Scoutmaster, High Adventure Trek Leader, and Assistant District Commissioner.