

Announcing the Rev. Dave Huxley Scholarship for Bi-Vocational Clergy Education

The School of Ordained Ministry (SOM) Class of 2018 would like to announce the creation of a scholarship fund honoring the Rev. Dave Huxley.

Fr. Dave has been serving as the rector of St. Nicholas in Midland, TX and mentor for the Class of 2018 in our diocesan SOM. Fr. Dave has been battling an illness that has forced him to take early retirement from both St. Nicholas and his role as SOM mentor. As students, we have been blessed by his patience, quiet humor, and love of each of us. We would like to show our appreciation for Fr. Dave's contribution to our lives and future ministries by creating and providing preliminary funding for a scholarship in his honor.

We ask you to prayerfully consider joining us in contributing funds to support individuals in our diocese who feel called to ordained ministry but face financial obstacles which could prevent them from receiving the further education and formation they need to act on that call.

The Rev. Dave Huxley Scholarship will be awarded based on need to help defer a portion of the cost of bi-vocational clergy training in our diocesan School of Ordained Ministry.

If you are interested in contributing to this scholarship, please contact Elizabeth Thames at the Diocese of Northwest Texas, 806-763-1370 or ethames@nwtdiocese.org. If you would like to send Fr. Dave words of encouragement, they can be sent to: 428 Colima Lane, Odessa, TX 79765 or dehuxrev@sbcglobal.net.

More About Fr. Dave

Prior to his call to the priesthood, Fr. Dave received a BS in Sociology from the University of Central Michigan. He served as a Crisis Intervention Worker for the Mental Health Center of Dane County, Wisconsin, followed by 20 years of service as a police officer there. Fr. Dave then discerned a call to the priesthood and attended Nashotah House Seminary and was ordained to the priesthood in 2004.

After his ordination, he served as Priest-in-Charge of St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church in Portage, Wisconsin. He subsequently followed a call to become Rector of St. John's Episcopal Church in Vinita, Oklahoma. Prior to his move to Texas in September 2013, Fr. Dave served part time as the vicar of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Whitewater, Wisconsin, and part time as the campus minister for the Lutheran-Episcopal Campus Ministry at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

Fr. Dave was active in diocesan affairs in Oklahoma and Wisconsin. He initiated a prison ministry in Oklahoma that has continued since his departure. Additionally, Fr. Dave started a very ambitious program feeding students of the University of Wisconsin campus in Whitewater. Since moving to the diocese of Northwest Texas, he has been active in several

diocesan initiatives, has participated in ecumenical ministerial alliances in Midland, and worked with community service organizations, such as the Salvation Army.

More About School for Ordained Ministry

The purpose of the School of Ordained Ministry in the Diocese of Northwest Texas is to provide a quality theological education for the formation of priests and deacons. It focuses on the education of talented students, who for various reasons cannot attend a residential seminary.

The curriculum for SOM is based on the Iona School for Ministry in the Diocese of Texas. This curriculum offers a three-year formational program that includes academic study of the Bible, Church History, and Theology/Christian Ethics. The program also focuses on more practical class sessions with topics in Spirituality, Liturgy and Music, Theory and Practice of Ministry, and Social Justice topics. Students learn about the order to which they feel called, and work with members of that order to determine what the shape of their future ordained ministry will be.

If you are interested in more information about SOM, please contact, The Rev. Canon Mike Ehmer (mehmer@nwtdiocese.org), The Rev. Jim Haney V (frjim@stpaulslubbock.org), The Rev. Robert Pace (rpacer@standrewsamartillo.org), Deacon Melissa Wafer Cross (mlwccross@yahoo.com), or Ms. Elizabeth Thames (ethames@nwtdiocese.org).

Thank you,

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