

Dear Friends in Christ,

When Dean Greenwell came to Cincinnati, she asked if I would serve as the deacon at Christ Church Cathedral, and for the last several years it has been my privilege to be with you at least twice a month. Every parish I have served in the past 27 years of diaconal ministry has been an incredible learning experience, and the Cathedral is no exception. I have both observed and participated in the ministries of Christmas on the River, Interfaith Hospitality Network, the Plumb Line, foot care for homeless folks, and the Native American Council. The leadership of these ministries is remarkable, and provides a steady hand of support and encouragement to a broad spectrum of our 'neighbors.' I have observed humility, passion, and dedication on the part of those who serve, and have learned about both the particular ministries and my own passion and dedication.

This congregation is rich in folks with a servant's heart, and it has been an honor to serve as a deacon -- an icon of servant ministry -- during worship. And thanks to Stephen Casarella, I have even been able to sing in the choir occasionally!

It is now time for me to move to another congregational setting, and for me to say 'adieu.' Beginning on Ash Wednesday, I will be serving as the deacon at St. Andrew's, Evanston one Sunday a month (as I do now) and at Christ Church, Glendale the other Sundays. The experience I gained here will, I hope, continue to carry into the ministry opportunities before me. I look forward to continuing to build houses, help the homeless, and support those in need by building partnerships among several congregations and the Community of the Transfiguration. You may not have heard the last from me!

Thank you for your faithfulness to serving as Christ's hands and feet in the world. Thank you for the chance to come along side you for a while to be part of your ministry. Thank you for being a church that walks with our neighbors. I look forward to the chance to visit from time to time, and to hear of all the wonderful ways this part of the Jesus movement, which is Christ Church, is engaging the Gospel. Please keep me in your prayers during this transition in ministry. You will be in mine.

Yours in Christ,

Anne

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