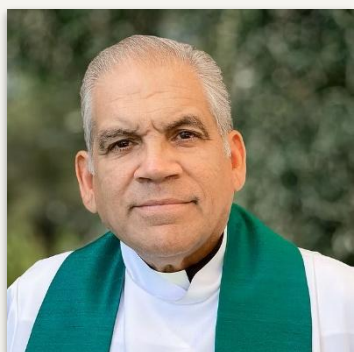




The Rev. Dr. Frank Muñoz

Priest Associate (Nonstipendary)

The Rev. Dr. Frank Muñoz is an Episcopal priest in the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego. Fr. Muñoz was born in Holguin, Cuba, and grew up in Miami, Chicago, and Los Angeles. He enlisted in the Navy in July 1976 and went on to serve as a Fleet Marine Force Hospital Corpsman until April of 1980.

After the Navy, he completed a bachelor's in theology at Loyola Marymount University and continued at the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley, completing a master's in theology from Mt. St. Mary's University in Los Angeles. Fr. Muñoz went on to teach theology for 12 years in Los Angeles-area Catholic high schools. In 1992 he was received into The Episcopal Church, earned a Certificate in Anglican Studies at Episcopal Theological School at Claremont, and was ordained in January 1997 to the priesthood. Upon ordination, he served at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Miami and later as a rector and headmaster of All Angels Church and School in Miami Springs, where he reimagined and restarted a declining congregation, founding and building a parish pre-K-through-eighth-grade school called All Angels Academy. While serving in Miami, he led the diocese in the development and growth of the Hispanic ministry, establishing five new missions and creating a Pastoral Ministry Institute for lay ministers.

In 2004, he returned to active duty as a lieutenant in Navy Chaplain Corps, serving first as a battalion chaplain for 3D Recruit Training Battalion at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, then going on to be the command chaplain of the USS JUNEAU (LPD-10) and USS DENVER (LPD-9) stationed in Sasebo, Japan. In December 2009, he was assigned to the 3D Marine Air Wing, serving as a group chaplain for Marine Aircraft Group 11, Miramar. He deployed to Afghanistan with the 3D Marine Aircraft Wing, Operation Enduring Freedom 10.1. LCDR Muñoz went on to serve as group chaplain for Marine Aircraft Group 16, 3D Marine Aircraft Wing. LCDR Muñoz then went on to a pastoral care residency at the Naval Medical Center San Diego and La Jolla Veterans Hospital, completing four units of clinical pastoral education. He was command chaplain of Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton and then went on to serve as CREDO director and finally at Naval Base Coronado before retiring from the Navy. He served for four years as an associate priest at St. Peter's, Del Mar. Most recently, since March 2020, he has served as priest-in-charge at Grace, San Marcos.

LCDR Muñoz served on the board of directors of the Association of Naval Service Officers (ANSO), serving as chaplain and Western Region vice president.

Fr. Muñoz's personal decorations include the Navy Marine Corps Commendation Medal (five awards) and the Navy Achievement Medal.

Fr. Muñoz holds a master's in management from National University and is a graduate of the Naval War College Command and Staff Program Joint Professional Military Education 1. He holds a doctor of ministry degree from the Fuller Theological Seminary School with a specialization in congregational transformational leadership. His passion in ministry is congregational development and Christian education.

He has taught pastoral care and world religions on the faculty of the School for Ministry (San Diego). He has also served as an adjunct professor of philosophy at Central Texas College since 2007.

Fr. Muñoz is married to the former Estella P. Gonzalez of Los Angeles, CA. They live in Escondido, CA, and have two adult married children, Alex and Jacquilene.