



ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

VESTRY CANDIDATES : 2022

AVELINE KIMBELL

Aveline Chauvin Kimbell is a Native of New Orleans, LA, and has lived in Los Angeles since 1966. Married for over 50 years, I am a mother of 3, Grandmother of 8, and Great Grandmother of 3 - One of the joys of my life has been witnessing these Three Generations of my family, knowing that the ONLY thing I always knew I wanted to be was a MOTHER!

Received Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from Xavier University (1966), Lifetime CA Teaching Credential from University of Southern CA (1967), and Masters in Elementary Education from University of San Francisco (1979). A Retired Elementary Teacher with Los Angeles Unified School District, my teaching career spanned 34 years, from 1967-2001, touching the lives of over 1000 students!

Though I chose to be directly and actively involved as a Classroom Teacher for most of my career, about 6 of those years were Administrative, as Categorical Program Advisor, overseeing The School Improvement, Bilingual, and Chapter 1 Programs at West Hollywood Elementary School. Missing the energy of my students, I voluntarily returned to the classroom, where I spent the remainder of my 26 wonderful years at WeHo Elementary, before retiring from there in June of 2001.

I've been an active member here at St. John's since 2005, serving as Volunteer Choir Member under Canon Organists/ Choir Masters: Erik Goldstrom, and Edward Ned Tipton, as well as our current Canon for Music and Cathedral Arts, Dr. Christopher Gravis. I was privileged to be a part of the Musician Selection Committee for all three of these wonderful Canons of Music!

My active involvement here at St. John's also includes being elected to serve on this Vestry for three prior terms, and I feel honored to possibly have another opportunity to do so. I am eager to see the Proposed Building Program become reactivated, my BIGGEST dream for St. John's future, most especially having been in on its Ground Floor planning.

I believe that my love and support of this church community, evidence of my prior service and contributions, along with an ability to interact amiably with others, qualifies me to continue in active service here! I hope you agree! ●



CHARLOTTE BORST



I am 69 years old, and I live in Whittier. As many of you know, I am recently widowed: I was married for over 45 years to Dr. Rick Censullo, who died almost a year ago. We have two adult children Stefan, married to Molly, and Zosia, married to Gabe, a six-year-old granddaughter Fiona, and another granddaughter on the way!

I have a BA in biology from Boston University, an MA in history from Tufts University, and an MA and PhD in the history of science and medicine from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. I spent my work life as a university professor and as an administrator at various colleges and universities. Rick and I joined St. Johns when I came to Whittier College in 2009 as their Vice President for Academic Affairs where I served for 6 years. I finished my career as President of the College of Idaho, a small 4-year liberal arts college. I continue my scholarly research on the history of the intersection of gender and race and the use of medical science in the US.

My service to St. Johns and the Diocese of LA: I was Treasurer for St Johns from 2013–2015; Rick and I served as ushers and we became Chief Ushers. I have been a lector, and I am one of the leaders for our zoom Evening Prayer service on Thursdays. In 2020, I served as a member of the “Reopening Committee.” I also currently serve the Diocese of Los Angeles as a Director of the Corporation of the Diocese, and this year, Bishop Taylor appointed me to the Diocesan Joint Budget committee.

I am an ardent believer in the future for St. John’s. As a life-long Episcopalian, I am eager to be of help in securing our future. St Johns faces challenges—but we are now leaders in the diocese in developing plans for sustaining our future. Our development plans must be implemented, and we need to be even more brave in imagining our future.

I believe my experience as a college administrator at institutions that were not wealthy, but highly reliant on tuition revenue, can help me contribute to building St. John’s future. I well understand the fiscal challenges-- I have overseen multi-million-dollar budgets, tackled and solved the problem of structural deficits, instituted policies to increase enrollment, and created policies to increase diversity and foster true inclusion. I am known for my expertise in leading institutions to create strategic plans that will then drive fundraising campaigns. I have significant fund-raising experience with both individual donors and foundation grants, and I served as a grant reviewer for such national organizations as the NEH, NSF, and NIH. I have also served other non-profits as a Board member—I was a Board member of the Boise Philharmonic from 2015–2017, and I am currently a board member of the Whittier Area Regional Symphony and I serve on its Executive Committee. ●

ERIK KNUTZEN

Erik Knutzen, M.A. in Music UCSD, writer

It has been my privilege to serve on the vestry in the past and over the last year. I have experience in writing and non-profit management and grant writing. Our most important issue as a Vestry this year will be overseeing the beginnings of our new development as well as addressing maintenance of our existing building. I'm happy to help, in any way I can, with this process. ●



NANCY KOEHRING



I'm Nancy Koehring. I was born in 1947 in Glendale, CA, although my parents actually lived in Long Beach. I am a "cradle" Episcopalian having been Baptized at the church of the Atonement in Chicago where my parents were married. We then became members of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Long Beach, where I was confirmed and married. I have lived in the same zip code my entire life. I have six children, 23 grandchildren, 2 great grand children and a new grandbaby due in April. We are a very close-knit family

and spend vacations and holidays together. I've been married for 40 years to my husband, David, who has been a music director and organist in the Episcopal Church for 60 years. At St. Luke's I served on many committees such as co-chair of the capital campaign committee, co-chair of the profile committee as well as being on the Altar Guild for 20 years. In reality, much of my life has been centered around the church.

I received a full scholarship to Chouinard Art Institute following graduation from Long Beach Polytechnic High School. After that I began working at Long Beach Memorial Medical Center, where I was the director of Center for Health Education and Medical Education for 17 years. An opportunity to move to the University of California, Irvine, School of Medicine came along, and for 30 years I was CAO of medical education. While there, I was the project manager overseeing the design and completion of the medical administration building, a \$35,000,000 project. I was directly responsible for some 1200 employees/students, and administered a \$600,000,000 annual budget. *(continued on page four...)*

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My career successes have been built upon identifying a vision and seeing it to its end, and I believe that I can carry that on as a member of St. John's vestry. This cathedral, itself an architectural jewel, sits on a prime piece of real estate that is waiting to be exploited, and finally it's coming to fruition. St. John's is more than a parish church, and it's exciting that new plans will extend our outreach to the neighborhood and the city of Los Angeles. I am very honored to be nominated to serve on the vestry. ●