

REV. NICK GRIFFITH

CHALLENGE AND SUCCESS

I have served as Parish Priest for 400 and 5,000, from the cold winters of Newfoundland Canada to the sunny coast of California. But I have not done it alone, instead I motivated, cultivated, prayed with and pray for, gave love to and set expectations for all my partners in faith so that we might be able to embark upon this important journey together.

So then the question is not just whether you have found a personal relationship with God, but how you express that relationship in community? And much of my ministry has been about building stronger more developed communities.



DIVERSITY IN EXPERIENCE

I have been blessed with many opportunities to study under and learn from many great people both in and out of the classroom. I have been a commercial fisherman, a Teamster, a competitive swim coach, a teacher, a fundraiser and now a Priest. And I liken many of these experiences to that of Henry David Thoreau's' insomuch as "I found success in each". But what I take away most from these experiences is not a technical knowledge, but instead an appreciation for different perspectives and the sense of community found in each. From each, I have learned how to live, and from each I have found a unique way to communicate and appreciate the gifts of others. This unique perspective is one that I bring into my priesthood.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION AND EDUCATION:

Q: What kind of Episcopalian are you?

A: A loving one, that has one foot firmly planted in our historic traditions, doctrine and ecclesiology, with the other foot dragging that foot forward, to think about how we can make the Church applicable today! A Broad Church Episcopalian by most accounts, with emphasis upon spirituality, and sacramentality. My mantra is ora et labora!

Q: Where have you studied?

A: I have studied at Randolph-Macon College with emphasis upon British Literature, Virginia Commonwealth University with graduate emphasis upon Sociology, Episcopal Divinity School – Boston University – Boston College – Harvard University (All through the Boston Theological Institute) with graduate emphasis upon divinity, and the University of Oxford with graduate emphasis upon Theology.

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SOCIALITY:

My best friend and fiance works for the Diocese of L.A. as a Priest and her name is Rev. Yein Kim. We met one another in seminary. I am a consummate athlete, enjoying most opportunities to run, bike and swim. Originally I am from Richmond/Charlottesville Virginia and I am 1 of 4 children in my family. I find myself most happy when I can express my sense of humor as I love to laugh. My guiltiest pleasure is Southern food reading books and watching college sports.