

The Rev. Richard A. Swan, – Father Dick Swan entered the Ordained Ministry as a “late” vocation; having earned a BBA in Marketing followed by over 7 years in the Army, that was followed by a corporate career which included an MBA before being called to discernment and Seminary at Nashotah House. Dick first served, in the Diocese of Springfield, as Assisting Priest in the Hale Deanery Team Ministry from June 1996 through Nov, 1998. He is married to Mary Ann “Marv” Swan and they have two grown daughters, three grown grandchildren and two great grandsons. Fr. Swan has served on the Diocesan Council, represented the Diocese at Provincial Synod, served the Commission on Ministry and on Standing Committee. From November 1998 through March of 2004, Fr. Swan served as a Chaplain at a Medium Security Men’s Prison North of Columbus, Ohio earning national recognition for innovative religious programming. In March of 2004 he returned to Illinois as the Canon Missioner, over the five Churches of the Hale Deanery Team Ministry. He served as President of the Standing Committee in 2008 and again in 2019. Dick served as Deputy to General Convention and in 2006, 2009, 2015 and 2018. Having assisted in the introduction of Kairos Prison Ministry to Illinois in 1997, he helped to expand Kairos to Menard Correctional in Chester, IL in 2009. In 2011, he was appointed the Priest-in-charge of St. John’s Episcopal Church in Decatur, IL and was called as Rector in 2012. In Decatur Dick was active in the local Ministerial Alliance, the Rotary Club, served on the Advisory Board for St. Mary’s Hospital, the Salvation Army Shelter and the Board of Dove, Inc. (a multifaceted ministry to Homeless, Domestic Violence, emergency needs, etc) where he served as the Vice-President of the Board. From 2013 through 2019 Dick was Spiritual Director for Diocese of Springfield Cursillo. He volunteered at the Decatur zoo as a train driver for the Zoo Train. He and Marv were active in the Symphony Guild and with the Commodore Decatur Sailing Club. Marv retired from retail banking in 2017 and Dick retired this past November. They now reside in Hubert.