

Meet the Rev. Canon Shannon Rogers Duckworth, Bishop-elect of the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana



The Rev. Canon Shannon Rogers Duckworth will be the first female to be consecrated a bishop in the Diocese of Louisiana in a historic service to be held on November 19, 2022, at Christ Church Cathedral, New Orleans.

The Rev. Canon Shannon Rogers Duckworth was elected XII Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana during a special convention on May 14, 2022, at Christ Church Cathedral, New Orleans. She was elected on the 1st ballot after attaining a majority of both clergy and lay votes. She is the first woman to be elected bishop in the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana.

A native of Mississippi, Bishop-elect Duckworth, received her BA in English and History in 1997 from Millsaps College. She was ordained a priest in 2001 after receiving her M.Div. from The General Theological Seminary.

Since 2013, Bishop-elect Duckworth has served as canon to the ordinary of the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana. Prior to this position, she served as curate at St. John's Episcopal Church, Ocean Springs, Mississippi (May 2001-May 2002); vicar at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Lexington, Mississippi (July 2002-July 2005); chaplain at St. Andrew's Episcopal School, Jackson, Mississippi (July 2005-September 2007); and associate rector of St. James' Episcopal Church, Jackson, Mississippi (September 2007-October 2013).

Bishop-elect Duckworth has held several diocesan and wider church leadership positions. These include Province IV Transition Officers (2013-present); Client Council, Church Pension Group (2018-present); St. Martin's Episcopal School, Metairie, Louisiana, Board member (2020-present); Transition in Progress Co-Facilitator, Diocese of Louisiana; Chair, General Convention Deputation, Diocese of Louisiana (2020); Co-Chair, Young Adult Discernment Committee, Diocese of Mississippi. Commission on Ministry member; Diocesan Liturgical Coordinator, Episcopal Diocese of Mississippi; and Transition Committee member for the 10th bishop of Mississippi (2012-13).

She is married to James Duckworth and has two sons, Nicholas and Tucker.

Bishop-elect Duckworth will be ordained and consecrated on November 19, 2022, at Christ Church Cathedral, New Orleans. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry will preside.