

Anglican Diocese of Belize

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Mission Priest Position within the Anglican Diocese of Belize

The Anglican Diocese of Belize, Province of the West Indies, announces it is seeking a mission priest to serve as the first Vicar of a congregation to be established at Holy Cross Anglican School in San Pedro, Belize. The newly formed congregation will be a mission of the Parish of All Saints in Belize City, Belize, and conduct ministry under the canons of the Anglican Diocese of Belize. The priest will also serve as Chaplain to the School.

Holy Cross Anglican School was founded by Episcopal missionaries and the Bishop of Belize in 2006 to serve children in one of the most economically disadvantaged areas of our nation. The school has since grown to 450+ students, thanks in part to many volunteer mission teams that continue to donate time and talents. Under the guidance of our current Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Philip Wright, the selected candidate will lead the establishment of an affiliated sacramental/congregational community on campus grounds. Among Anglican churches in Belize, co-location of congregations and schools are generally the norm, and we believe the time is right to fulfill this important gap at Holy Cross for the mutual support it will bring in the building up of the Kingdom of God.

We are seeking a priest gifted in preaching, strategic leadership, pastoral care, change management, and teaching. We desire an energetic and dynamic Vicar who enjoys being involved in the larger community, and who is loving, caring, and compassionate. Children and youth are especially important in this community, and we would like our Vicar to work to involve, form, and serve them. We desire that our priest be innovative in thinking, yet patient in guiding us as we work to create a vibrant and energetic parish. We want our Vicar to recognize each parishioner's gifts and talents and utilize them wisely within the many fertile cultures that comprise Belizean society. Thus, fluency in English and Spanish is especially important. While the official language of Belize is English, our linguistic and cultural diversity includes those from Hispanic, Creole, and Garifuna backgrounds, all of whom are represented at Holy Cross.

The one we believe is called to this ministry will serve as Vicar of the new mission parish as well as Chaplain to Holy Cross Anglican School, and help establish the grounds for the new mission to become a fully independent Congregation with a Vestry and official parish status within the Diocese. The Diocese of Belize will provide support in acquiring the necessary visa for work in Belize, a modest stipend, a contribution to its pension fund, travel expenses, and employers' Social Security. Working with the Holy Cross Education Foundation (a US-based 501-c3 mission/outreach organization), the Diocese will also provide a fully furnished two-bedroom cottage on school grounds and is currently building a new Chapel/worship/community gathering space on the property.

Please submit a letter of interest, resume, and OTM portfolio (if available) to HCASapplications@gmail.com by February 15, 2024.