

Bishop Kenneth Price Jr.

Bishop Price is the bishop suffragan of Southern Ohio with offices based in Columbus, Ohio. He was born in Charleston, West Virginia, and received a bachelor's degree from West Virginia University in 1965, a S.T.B. (M.Div.) from the General Theological Seminary in 1968, a master's degree in counseling from Marshall University in 1974 and a doctor of divinity degree from the General Theological Seminary in 1995. He was ordained deacon and priest in West Virginia in 1968 and bishop suffragan in Southern Ohio in 1994.

In West Virginia, Price served churches in Barboursville, Parkersburg and Wheeling and was for four years a chaplain at Marshall University. In addition, he served twice as regional dean and was the archdeacon for the northern district of the diocese when he was elected bishop suffragan in Southern Ohio. From January 2006 until April 2007, Bishop Price served as the Bishop in charge in Southern Ohio, leading the diocese as its chief pastor and overseeing administrative and financial matters.

As Bishop Suffragan, Bishop Price works most closely with congregational development, Appalachian ministries, youth ministry, the camping program and general life of the Procter Camp and Conference Center, Diocesan Council and chairs the Dispatch of Business for the Diocesan Convention. He also serves as vice chair of the Board for Bexley Hall Seminary in Columbus, is a member of the Forward Movement advisory board and works with the Episcopal Retirement Homes.

On the national level, Bishop Price has served General Convention as a deputy or bishop for 10 consecutive conventions beginning in 1976 and was instrumental in bringing the General Convention to Columbus in 2006. He serves on the General Convention Planning and Arrangements committee, is secretary of the House of Bishops and was on the Joint Nominating Committee that led to the election of the current Presiding Bishop. He also was appointed by the Archbishop of Canterbury and served on an international Windsor Report Reception committee.

Bishop Price is married to the former Mariann Prosser, a social worker specializing in overseas adoptions. They live in Hilliard, near Columbus, and have two grown children, Jeffrey, and Karebeth VanHorn, who lives in Los Angeles with her husband, Erik, and children Sage and McKenna.

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