

The Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh



March 15, 2019

Dear sisters and brothers in Trinity Cathedral parish:

When I wrote to you two short months ago concerning the then-imminent changes involving your clergy, it was my hope that I could quickly provide for the next phase of leadership of the cathedral.

Today I am happy to share with you wonderful news, in my appointing the Reverend Aidan Smith as Cathedral Provost.

Aidan comes to us from Trinity School for Ministry, where he is Dean of Advancement and Church Relations. At the seminary, he is regarded as a strong leader with a caring presence, someone who is creative, level-headed, and collaborative. He brings to Trinity Cathedral a track record of making TSM stronger through expanding the school's partnerships, increasing its enrollment, and providing a healthier financial footing. Aidan also knows well the life of smaller parishes in our diocese through his many years of assisting at All Saints, Brighton Heights.

Before formalizing this appointment, Aidan met with the Cathedral Chapter, and they unanimously affirmed his selection. We are all looking forward to fulfilling the vision of Trinity as a cathedral for the diocese, the city, and the world, proclaiming the love of Jesus Christ through arts, education, and social empowerment.

Aidan will begin full-time service as provost on May 1, with an initial two-year term that may be extended. Later this year, God willing, we can also celebrate with him the birth of his second child and his earning a doctoral degree in ministry. Please pray for him and his family during this time.

Finally, again, my thanks to the Reverend Philip Wainwright, who will remain with you for some time yet, and to the entire cathedral staff for their ongoing devotion and care during this time of transition.

Faithfully your bishop,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dorsey", with a small cross symbol to the left.

(The Right Reverend) Dorsey W.M. McConnell, D.D.
VIII Bishop of Pittsburgh

The Reverend Aidan E. Smith

Currently: Dean of Advancement and Church Relations (since 2017)
Trinity School for Ministry,
Ambridge

Age: 35 years old

Ordained: Deacon, March 28, 2015
Priest, October 30, 2015
Diocese of Albany, New York



Related Employment & Other Ministry:

Director of External Partnerships (since 2014)
Director of Recruitment and Admissions (2015-2018)
Trinity School for Ministry, Ambridge

Assisting Priest (since 2015)
All Saints Episcopal Church, Brighton Heights

Senior Pastor (2004-2007)
Crooksville (Ohio) Free Methodist Church

Education: Doctor of Ministry (expected, 2019)
Master of Divinity (2014)
Trinity School for Ministry

Bachelor of Arts in Intercultural Studies (2007)
Ohio Christian University

Family: Aidan and his wife, Melanie, have a 2-½ year-old daughter and are expecting their second child in August. They live in Ambridge.

A message from Aidan+: “I am hopeful about the revitalization of the cathedral. I know that the church has gone through difficult times, but we cannot experience resurrection without experiencing the cross. My first priority will be in spending time with you and getting to know you. Looking toward the future, I am totally onboard with the bishop’s vision for the cathedral, and I want people to know that Trinity Cathedral can be a resource at the heart of our diocese.”