

CANON TO THE ORDINARY

The past year has been a busy one, both for our diocese and The Episcopal Church as a whole. In my role as Canon to the Ordinary, I've had the honor and pleasure of cooperating with the lay and ordained leaders of our parishes as they have worked to live out their mission.

In July, after experiencing troubling neurological symptoms, I was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. After a difficult summer filled with much prayer and discernment, my family and I have decided that my focus needs to be on my health. With that in mind, it is with a heavy heart that I lay down the responsibilities of Canon effective September 30, 2018. While attending to my health, I will remain engaged in parish ministry at Nativity, Crafton, and assisting with the communications efforts of the diocese.

MS is a long-term fight, and so is our common call to share the love of our God in Christ. My disappointment is tempered by hope, as our Resurrection faith is rooted in the sure knowledge that endings are often beginnings. I remain deeply grateful to Bishop McConnell for his trust and confidence, and to our excellent diocesan staff who have made the work of the last year a true joy.

Faithfully yours,
The Rev. Canon Shawn Malarkey