

THE REVEREND FATHER JOHN (TREY) GARLAND III
1606 W ESTES AVE
CHICAGO, IL 60626
TREYGARLAND@OUTLOOK.COM + 512.808.7477

September 18, 2025
The Feast of Edward Bouverie Pusey

To my new family at the Parish of All Saints,

Grace and peace in our Lord Jesus Christ! It is with joy, humility, and gratitude that I write to you as I prepare to join you as your new rector, beginning January 11, 2026. I am deeply honored by this call, and I look forward to serving Christ together with you in the days and years ahead.

Allow me to share a little of my journey with you. I was born and raised in Houston, Texas, and ordained to the priesthood in 2002 in the Diocese of Texas. Over the years, I have been privileged to serve in several dioceses—Texas, Upper South Carolina, and Central Florida—as well as in the Diocese of Durham in the Church of England. My academic background is rooted in theology and music, with a touch of law. I hold a B.A. in Religious Studies from Alma College in Michigan, and a Master of Divinity from the University of the South, Sewanee. While at Sewanee, I was blessed to sing with the University Choir, continuing a lifelong love of Anglican choral tradition. My doctoral work in liturgical theology at Durham University, though not completed, has nonetheless deeply shaped my approach to worship, prayer, and music. I am passionate about the beauty and mystery of the liturgy, and I pray that, together, we will discover ever more fully how it draws us into the love of Jesus Christ.

Times of transition often stir up both excitement and questions—what lies ahead, what will change, and what will remain the same. I imagine that you, like me, feel both the hope and the uncertainty that comes with new beginnings. Please know that my desire is to walk this journey with you, as family. My office door and email inbox will always be open. I believe deeply in collaboration with the vestry and parish leadership, and I seek to foster a spirit of prayerful discernment and consensus in our common life.

As we take up our ministry together, I am mindful of our Lord's words: *"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age"* (Matthew 28:19–20). This mission belongs not only to the clergy but to the whole people of God. My hope and prayer is that, together, we will grow in worship, fellowship, and service, bearing witness to Christ's love in our parish, in our community, and beyond. I am humbled to become your rector and to share in the life of worship, fellowship, and mission that marks the Parish of All Saints. Please know that I am holding all of you in prayer as I prepare for this transition, and I ask for your prayers for me as well.

I look forward with great anticipation to joining you in January. Until then, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you always.

Your servant in Christ,

The Reverend Father Trey Garland
Rector-elect