

Stacy Sauls is a native of Atlanta, Georgia, where his family has lived since the 18th century, before in fact there was an Atlanta, when the rolling hill country now south of Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport was the American frontier. He was born on December 9th, 1955 to Kenneth and Joyce Ballard Sauls, now deceased. Stacy moved with his family to the New Jersey suburbs when his father was transferred to New York City in 1962. When he was 15, he and his mother moved back to Atlanta to be closer to family after his parents' divorce, an event that shaped him pastorally in many ways. He graduated from Headland High School in 1973 and went on to attend Furman University where he majored in Political Science.

It was at Furman that Stacy was introduced to the transformative experience of relationships with those who were poor through volunteer experiences at an orphanage and a state institution for the mentally disabled, and by starting a Cub Scouting programs for children in distressed inner city neighborhoods. It was also at Furman that Stacy met his future wife, Ginger Malone, of Clinton, South Carolina, and that Stacy's vocation to priesthood began to take hold. Stacy graduated from Furman summa cum laude in 1977 and was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. In consultation with his bishop, he went on to attend the University of Virginia School of Law, which was his other vocational interest, with the intention of going to seminary following graduation. He graduated from Virginia in 1980, a member of the Order of the Coif. Ginger and Stacy were married on August 11, 1979.

Rather than following the original plan and going immediately to seminary following graduation, Stacy decided to practice law while continuing to wrestle with his sense of a vocation to the priesthood. He accepted a federal court clerkship with Judge Robert Hall and went on to practice in the corporate law department of Delta Air Lines and briefly in the newly formed firm of Phillips, Hinchey and Reid. Ginger and Stacy adopted their first son, Andrew, from Korea in 1984. Stacy left the practice of law to enter the General Theological Seminary in 1985 from which he graduated cum laude in 1988. At seminary, Stacy was elected a student member of the Board of Trustees and received prizes for his academic achievement and honors thesis on the influence of the Jewish-Christian dialogue on Christology. In 1987, during their years at General Seminary, the Sauls adopted their second son, Matthew, also from Korea.

Stacy was ordained a deacon in 1988 at the Cathedral of St. Philip in Atlanta and priest in 1989 at St. George's Church in Griffin, Georgia, where he served as assistant to the rector. He has always been amused that the same edition of his law school class notes that reported his ordination to the diaconate and service in Griffin also noted that a law school contemporary had recently been elected Governor of Indiana. At St. George's, Stacy was involved in many mission activities and helped found a medical clinic for the working poor of Spalding County otherwise without access to the health care system, and an alternative school program to address the county's 50% drop-out rate, an ecumenical food bank, and an emergency assistance ministry. Stacy began a ministry-long commitment to young people while at St. George's, both working with its youth group and chairing the Diocesan Youth

Commission. He is very proud that one of the young people in his first youth group is now a diocesan youth coordinator. He also began a more than ten-year tenure leading the Diocese of Atlanta's senior high camp at this time.

Stacy was called to be rector of St. Thomas' Church in Savannah in 1990. He carried with him his interest in mission and was involved in starting a ministry for senior adults, a transitional housing program, and an AIDS feeding ministry at St. Thomas. It was also in Savannah that the Sauls family experienced racial exclusion related to their sons, an experience that gave passion to his commitment to justice issues and led to the first racially inclusive Cub Scout Pack in the Sauls' Savannah neighborhood, which was sponsored by St. Thomas.

Stacy was called by St. Bartholomew's Church to be its rector in 1994, bringing the Sauls family back to Stacy's hometown. Stacy learned to deal with parish conflict at St. Bartholomew's, particularly in light of the revelation of sexual misconduct by a previous rector. He also oversaw a large building renovation program and the ordering of a new organ, as well as a problematic performance by the organ builder. He continued his interest in mission outreach efforts, including an ecumenical emergency assistance ministry, an after school program, and a growing commitment to Hispanic ministry.

Ginger and Stacy were investigating opportunities to serve as missionaries in South Africa when he was elected Bishop of Lexington from a field of four candidates on the second ballot in 2000. He became the sixth Bishop of Lexington on September 30, and immediately began calling the diocese to a missionary understanding of itself. He sees the treasure of the diocese as the Appalachian communities in the east of the diocese and has been particularly engaged in mission in the mountains. He has led the diocese to address the needs of the poor, especially the rural poor, through education, health care, and housing efforts. Reading Camp, an effort to help children with intensive remedial reading work in the setting of summer camp, has been especially successful. Two new congregations have begun in his tenure, including one designed by and for young adults. A third is in the early planning stages. Yet another congregation, near closing five years ago, is being successfully redeveloped in Northern Kentucky.

Stacy has continued his work with youth. He regularly attends and leads the diocesan summer camps, especially during senior high and junior high camps. Under Stacy's leadership, the diocese hosted the 2004 Provincial Youth Event, which focused on Appalachian mission and resulted in the building of St. Timothy's Youth Outreach Center at the diocesan mission at Barnes Mountain, Kentucky. The diocese was also extremely proud to host the 2003 national Episcopal Hispanic Youth Event at Berea College, and the 2005 Episcopal Youth Event, also at Berea College.

Ginger has been a special education teacher for 27 years, and currently directs the personal learning program at the Sayre School of Lexington. She is a founder of the diocesan Reading Camp program. Andrew plans to follow his mother as a teacher and expects to continue his college education at the University of Kentucky in the

fall. Matthew's vocational path is undecided (although he is an awfully good cook.) He is a freshman at the University of Alabama. Three dogs are a part of the family- two Labrador retrievers, Griffin and Annie, and one "other," Dottie.