

Bio for The Rev. Dr. Ellen M. Sloan

Ellen Sloan is currently the Rector of St. Michael and All Angels in Sanibel, after serving as Chaplain and Dean of Community Life at The General Theological Seminary in New York City for five years. At General Seminary Ellen not only supported the ongoing discernment and formation of M.Div. students seeking ordained ministry, but also created discernment groups for students pursuing an MA Degree and who felt called to lay leadership positions in the church. She also taught a course to all incoming students that focused on theological, spiritual, and academic aspects of faith and ongoing discernment. Ellen completed the M.Div. at General and prior to that earned her Ph.D. in Administration and Organizational Development at the University of Connecticut. She also has an MA in History from Dartmouth College. After completing a BS in Education at Plymouth State University, Ellen spent twenty-five years in the educational field prior to her discernment leading to ordained ministry.

Ellen's desire to live in a multi-cultural and diverse environment led her to teaching and administrative positions in the field of English As a Second Language in Venezuela and The Netherlands. Returning to the States in 1985, she became the first woman appointed as a Director of Accreditation (in the 100 years of the institution's history) at the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. In the six-state New England area she was responsible for creating and facilitating an accrediting process for over 350 schools - K-8. In addition, she facilitated the accreditation process for over 65 private schools in Europe.

Upon completing the Ph.D. Ellen Sloan became a professor at the University of Connecticut's Graduate School of Education and taught courses in research, leadership theory, and organizational processes, and acted as the Major Advisor for many students completing their Ph.D Degrees. In addition, she acted as the Director of the Principal Preparation Program at UConn.

In the early 1990s Ellen began a serious discernment process which eventually led her to seek ordained ministry. After completing her M.Div at General, she was ordained in the Diocese of Newark and began her new ministry as a priest at Christ Church, Ridgewood NJ.

Ellen and her husband Ralph have two children and three grandsons. She enjoys kayaking, playing the piano, speed walking, and quilting and knows she needs to make more time to do these activities.

FROM THE DESK OF
CANON DENNIS R. MCMANIS

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Michelle,

Please send this out to our students attending the September 12th class “”Ministry: Call, discernment and Gifts” with a copy to the Rev. Ellen Sloan at St. Michael and All Angels Sanibel.

The required reading material for this class is Call to the Soul: Six Stages of Spiritual Development by Marjory Zoet Bankson and Listening Hearts by Farnham, Gill, McLean and Ward. In addition, an optional book is Let Your Life Speak: Listening for the Voice of Vocation by Parker J. Palmer.

These books should be ordered via our Diocesan Web site’s link to Amazon.com

This class will be divided into two sessions. The Morning will be focused on Discernment and will be taught by Rev. Ellen Sloan. The afternoon session will be focused on School for Ministry Development Orientation and will be facilitated by me. I look forward to meeting everyone and look forward to an exciting and rewarding year.

God bless,

Archdeacon Dennis