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Credentials:

Ordained to the Transitional Diaconate June 15, 1996 and the Priesthood December 21, 1996 by The Rt. Rev. James B. Brown, IX Bishop of Louisiana.

Education:

M.Div. Virginia Theological Seminary, Alexandria, VA, 1996.

B.S. Natural Resources, The University of the South, Sewanee, TN, 1991.

Continuing Education:

June 2017, began working towards Doctor of Ministry in Preaching at The School of Theology in Sewanee, TN. Attended classes four consecutive summers, both in person and virtually. Expected graduation May 2023. Dissertation- "Preaching Through Prolonged Climate Crisis".

National Association of Episcopal Schools Bi-Annual Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana, 2016.

Pilgrimage to Tours, France to visit the Basilica of Martin de Tours, May 2016 and bike through that diocese in the Loire Valley.

Gathering of Leaders, 2009-14. GOL is a network of hope-filled, innovative, creative, and entrepreneurial leaders in the Episcopal Church. Participated in numerous three day collaborative workshops around the country.

2011 Southwest Association of Episcopal Schools Head of School and Board Chair Conference, Houston, TX.

Pilgrimage to Canterbury, England, May 2010.

CREDO, October 2008.

Clergy Leadership Project, sponsored by Trinity Church, New York. 2006-2008.

Work Experience:

September 2004-Present: Rector, St. Martin's Church, Metairie, LA. Led the parish through recovery in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. Although we lost 25% of our parishioners overnight through re-location, we were a haven of stability and launching pad in the recovery effort for parishioners and others seeking to rebuild homes and lives. In 2009 we undertook a major capital campaign of nearly \$900,000 to reposition the front doors of our church to face Metairie Road and send a signal that we were engaging the neighborhood. During that time of national economic distress, we raised more than twice our pledge and plate income. A second capital campaign of \$750,000 was launched to celebrate our 75th Anniversary. Projects included a renovated chapel, purchase and relocation of a new organ in the church, and the commissioning of a large mosaic in the church narthex depicting the seminal story of our patron, Martin of Tours. Additionally, both campaigns addressed infrastructure needs such as HVAC and roofs. Through New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Education Program, we have increased our income four years running from \$450,000 to \$550,000. We have also instituted the Martin of

Tours Legacy Society to call attention to and build our endowment. Staff oversight of one priest associate, two full-time lay employees, and three part-time lay employees, and the Director of The Little School (a nursery and pre-k on our campus with sixty children and a staff of thirteen). Over the years I have supervised three deacons on staff, the last one retiring in May of 2015. Through COVID and Ida, we have remained a vibrant parish church in an unsteady world.

July 1998-August 2004. Vicar, Church of the Holy Comforter, New Orleans. Oversaw the sale of the former church, planning, and execution of the building of a new chapel to serve The University of New Orleans and Southern University in New Orleans as well as the local neighborhood. In this process we became Chapel of the Holy Comforter, and in addition to my duties as Vicar, I also served as the Episcopal Chaplain to UNO/SUNO. In partnership with the diocese, the worshipping community paid the costs of the ministry and facilities maintenance while the diocese covered the chaplain's compensation.

July 1996-June 1998: Curate, St. Luke's Church, Baton Rouge, LA. Underwent a typical curacy in a Corporate/Resource Parish with a long history of training clergy. As the fourth full-time priest on the staff, I fulfilled a variety of roles, including outreach, working with youth, chaplain to St. Luke's Day School, as well as regular priestly duties of preaching, teaching, celebrating, and pastoral care.

September 1994-April 1996: seminarian at St. John's Episcopal Church, Lafayette Square in Washington, D.C. serving under the supervision of the Rev. Anne Amy and the Rev. Dr. Luis Leon.

June-July 1993: Rock climbing instructor and cabin counselor at Camp Kanuga in Hendersonville, NC.

July 1992-May 1993: Interim Director of the Sewanee Outdoor Program. Helped students make better use of the 10,000+ acres of the university domain through hiking, biking, rock climbing, caving, and boating on and off-campus.

June 1991-June 1992: Hiking Guide at Elk Canyon Ranch in Montana where I established the hiking program and created a plant guide to local flora; temporary work in Atlanta, GA, Head Counselor of Camp Hardtner.

Responsibilities within the Diocese of Louisiana:

Board of Trustees of St. Martin's Episcopal School (enrolment of 560 students and a budget of \$10 million) since 2004, including Board Chair for two years. Ring Day speaker in 2020 and Commencement speaker in 2018.

Standing Committee: 2017-2021, serving as President 2020-21; previously served 2001-2006, President 2005-06. The President of the Standing Committee also serves on the Executive Board.

Clergy Deputy to General Convention 2000 (Denver), 2003 (Minneapolis), 2009 (Anaheim), and 2015 (Salt Lake City). Elected to serve again in 2021 (Baltimore), but the convention is delayed until 2022 due to Covid restrictions.

Environmental Commission: 2019 to the present.

Executive Board of the diocese: 2010-2013, served on the Finance Committee:

Council on Deacons, 2008-2010

Host Parish for Diocesan Convention 2009.

Diocesan Rebuilding Committee (immediately following Katrina); Chaired the Schools Committee: 2005-06.

Episcopal Community Services, 1996-2000.

Camp Hardtner, a shared summer camp between Diocese of Western Louisiana and Diocese of Louisiana. Served as dean of a camp almost every summer since ordination through 2013.

In the Community:

Save the Mississippi River Delta Coalition. Active in the East Jefferson Interfaith Clergy Association.

Personal:

Married to Lisa Underhill Devall since June 22, 1996. Lisa is a Registered Nurse with thirty years of experience, serving primarily in the hospital setting on medical/surgical units. She continues at Ochsner Hospital, most recently moving from Case Management as a Discharge Planner to her current role as R.N. Clinical Coordinator for Palliative Medicine. Lisa is a bike-commuter, riding sixteen miles each day. We have two children, Andrew, age twenty-one and a senior at Millsaps College in Jackson, MS, double majoring in Political Science and History, and Thomas, age 19 a freshman at Millsaps College where he studies Business Administration.

Hobbies/Interests:

Fishing, hunting, and anything outdoors; physical fitness; reading; cooking; and spending time with family and friends.