



THE CHARLES SIMEON INSTITUTE OF ST. PETER'S ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM PROSPECTUS 2024

Introduction to St. Peter's Anglican Cathedral

Formed in 2005, St. Peter's Anglican Cathedral is the largest parish in the Gulf Atlantic Diocese [GAD] of the Anglican Church in North America [ACNA]. St. Peter's became the Cathedral of the diocese in November 2017. Located in Tallahassee, Florida, St. Peter's Cathedral has nine priests and a lay staff of 21. For further information about the cathedral, go to: www.StPetersFL.com.

Fellowship Program Overview

The Fellowship Program is available to current seminary students (or equivalent degree) and students who have graduated within 12 months from the start date of the fellowship. This program provides women and men an opportunity to practically apply what they have learned in seminary to a parish setting by participating in a wide range of parish ministry including teaching, family ministry, adult formation, pastoral care, liturgical worship and missional outreach. Fellows will also regularly participate in parish liturgies and receive mentorship from clergy and staff.

The primary goals are to assist fellows with:

1. Spiritual direction and vocational clarity
2. Gaining confidence in spiritual gifting and abilities
3. Integrating seminary education with the practice of ministry
4. Developing skills that can be used in ministry within or beyond the parish
5. Moderating expectations of ordained ministry

Application

Applications are due by March 1, 2024 and require two letters of recommendation and a CV. Applications can be submitted at <https://www.charlessimeoninstitute.com/summer-fellowship>. At the time of application, each fellow must indicate if a spouse and/or children will be joining.

Duration

Generally speaking, a fellowship endure for a period of ten weeks. **For 2024, the fellowships will begin on Sunday, May 26, and will conclude on Sunday, August 4.** Upon request we can negotiate slight variations within this time frame and can arrange time away from the parish during the period of the fellowship if necessary.

Role of Supervisor

Each fellow will be assigned a member of St. Peter's clergy who will serve as a supervisor. Fellows will have a supervisory meeting at least once a week.

Learning/Serving Covenant

Working with the supervisor, each fellow will complete a Learning/Serving Covenant, which will formulate three to five specific learning goals for the summer and will articulate ways by which the fellow will achieve these goals. The fellow will devote the majority of the fellowship time to achieving the goals established in the Learning/Serving Covenant. The purpose of this covenant is to ensure that the period of the fellowship is well spent.

Role of Lay Mentoring Team

Each fellow will also have a Lay Mentoring Team of approximately eight lay people with whom the fellow will meet on a regular basis. This team will serve as the fellow's "support group" and will provide hospitality, guidance, encouragement, and constructive suggestions. At the conclusion of the summer, this team will provide the fellow with a written evaluation.

Role of Associate Director of the Charles Simeon Institute

Each fellow will also work under The Charles Simeon Institute's Associate Director, Jennifer Webster, who supervises each Lay Mentoring Team, directs the fellows' schedules and education, and helps fellows integrate into the life of the parish.

Teaching

We expect each fellow to undertake at least one teaching assignment. Over the course of the summer, each fellow will design and teach an adult education class as part of St. Peter's Wednesday Evening Adult Education Program. In the summer, these classes are normally nine weeks in duration and each class session is seventy-five minutes long. The fellow will plan the class offering in consultation with Fr. Michael Petty, Canon for Adult Formation. In the past, fellows have offered classes on a book of the Bible or on a book with theological, ethical, or spiritual content. We design this experience in order to help the fellows to prepare to teach in the parish. Fellows who are interested in additional teaching opportunities are welcome to volunteer.

Preaching

Each fellow will have at least three preaching opportunities, including one Sunday opportunity (three liturgies) and two or three opportunities to preach at the Wednesday 12:10 PM Eucharist. Normally, we will schedule preaching times in advance of the fellow's arrival. The fellow should work closely with his or her supervisor on the preparation of sermons. In advance of each Sunday sermon, we will schedule a preaching practice session which will involve all of the fellows and at least one supervisor.

At this session, the preaching fellow will give the prepared sermon, which the group will then discuss. We do not presuppose that fellows will have had prior preaching experience.

Pastoral Care

St. Peter's offers numerous opportunities for involvement in the ministry of pastoral care. All fellows will meet for an orientation session with Alice Sanderson, Director of Pastoral Care for the cathedral. Fellows may be involved in hospital ministry with the assistance of their supervisor. Over the course of the summer, fellows will receive an opportunity to observe St. Peter's Stephen Ministry and to participate in any weddings and funerals which St. Peter's may schedule.

Priestly Formation Seminar

All fellows will participate in the Priestly Formation Seminar, which will focus on reading and discussing books related to the priesthood. The seminar will meet once a week with the canon of adult formation, Fr. Michael Petty.

Leadership Formation Seminar

All fellows will participate in the Leadership Formation Seminar. The seminar will meet once a week with the dean and rector, Fr. Marcus Kaiser.

Spiritual Formation and the Rule of Life

The supervisor will ask each fellow to create a written Rule of Life. This Rule should outline the ways in which the fellow seeks to deepen his or her communion with God in the context of the life of the Church. This Rule of Life should include a list of books for spiritual reading over the course of the fellowship. A standard list of books for spiritual reading will be available for consultation.

Fellowship Support

The Institute is committed to ensuring that the fellowship is fruitful and encouraging. Each fellow will receive a stipend of \$4,500.00, paid over the course of the summer.

Housing

The Institute will provide housing at no cost to the fellows. Within 2 weeks of being accepted as a fellow, special housing requests need to be communicated to the Associate Director, Jennifer Webster: jwebster@stpetersfl.com. The Institute can accommodate married students and married students with children.

For Further Information

For further information about The Charles Simeon Fellowship Program, please contact Fr. Michael Petty at mpetty@stpetersfl.com.