

William Patrick Gahan III

Parish Experience

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church, Wimberley, TX; 2005 - Present; Rector

I serve as pastor to a congregation with an average attendance of 300-350 per Sunday. We offer nine worship services per week to communities covering some 50 miles in the Texas Hill Country. Saint Stephen's Episcopal School is a ministry of our parish offering P-K through 8th grade programs, with challenging requirements such as mandatory Latin and Spanish, higher mathematics, and advanced instruction. Currently the school serves 124 students.

Increased Average Sunday Attendance from 200 to 350 and Annual Giving from approximately \$500,000 to \$700,000 in 3.5 years; Instituted threshold formation requirement; Began comprehensive Jubilee Outreach Program, which takes on seven new project per year; Organized daily Prayer Book worship.

Saint James School; 2001 - 2005; Chaplain

My primary work was as pastor to this community, which requires the planning and implementation of ten daily worship services per week, oversight of the chapel, ministry to those in crisis or pain, and catechesis for those wishing to enter more fully into the Christian faith. I served as Head of the Religion Department and taught Old Testament, New Testament, and Biblical Theology. Furthermore, I was a head basketball coach and Chair of the Admissions Committee.

Led mission trip of students and faculty to Vietnam; Instituted two-year, comprehensive chapel curriculum and schedule; Coached 9th grade boys to most wins in decade.

St. Stephen's Church, Beaumont, TX; 1996 - 2001; Rector

Average Sunday Attendance on arrival 121 and at departure 325; Mid-week Worship on arrival 5 and at departure 125; Budget on arrival \$221,000 and at departure \$700,000.

St. Stephen's Episcopal School, Austin, TX; 1990-1995; Head Chaplain

I supervised two staff chaplains at St. Stephen's and taught a full load of scripture and theology classes. while serving that larger boarding school community, my basketball team won the Austin city championship in 1985 and we started a program called *Stephen's Kids* that same year to serve Austin's inner-city children during the summers.

SPCK/USA, Sewanee, TN (*The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge*); 1995-1996; Executive Director

Retired \$85,000 debt; completed promised, yet long delayed, missionary support to Russia; and completed bi-lingual Sunday School curriculum support to Cuba and Equador. Kay and I were invited to St. James Palace by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II to celebrate the 300th Anniversary of SPCK.

Education

- Saint Andrew's Episcopal School, Sewanee, TN; High School Diploma; 1973
- University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, Belton, TX; B.S. Education; 1981
- Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest, Austin, TX; M.Divinity; 1994
- Seabury-Western Episcopal Seminary, Evanston, IL; D.Ministry; 2001
- *Accomplishments:* High School: Named Salutatorian, Head Prefect, and Best Student/Athlete; College: Varsity letterman in football and tennis, National Honor Journalism Society; Post-Graduate: named Stokely Fellow in Education at the University of Tennessee, 1987; Seminary: chosen to represent ETSS at the College of Preachers Preaching Excellence Conference, 1998

Personal

- Married 33 years to the former Marian Kay McLane (Kay), November 26, 1975; Intensive Care Nurse
- *Children:* Clayton McLane Gahan (Clay), 30, English teacher and athletic coach, The McCallie School, Chattanooga, Tennessee; married to the former Sara Hume of Louisville, Kentucky; Catherine Grace Gahan (Catherine Grace), 27, Businesswoman at Mostyn Law Firm, MBA Candidate, Lamar University, Beaumont, Texas; John Hugh Gahan (John), 23, Peace Corps, English teacher in Oguz, Azerbaijan
- Excellent health, 6'2", 200 pounds; Age 54

Other

History of Other Positions

- Assistant to the Rector, Deacon in Charge, Christ Episcopal Church, Tyler, TX, 1988-1990
- Relief Clergy, Newfoundland, Canada, Summer 1992
- Chaplain, Ascent Program for Lakota Sioux and Bronx, NY, children, Sewanee, TN, 1993-1994
- English Teacher, Head Basketball Coach, Director of Development, St. Andrew's-Sewanee School, 1983-1988
- English Teacher, Athletic Coach, Vestavia Hills High School (public), Birmingham, AL, 1981-1982
- Infantry Private, NCO, Officer, U.S. Army, 1977-1981

Past Committees, Commissions, Boards

- Dean of Northeast Convocation of the Diocese of West Texas
- Chairman, Bishop's Address to Council
- Examining chaplain for the Diocese of West Texas
- Member, Compensation and Benefits Committee of Diocese of MD
- Trustee, Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest, Austin, Texas, c. 1999-2000
- Trustee, St. Stephen's Episcopal School, Austin, Texas, c. 1999-2001
- Trustee, All Saints' Episcopal School, Beaumont, Texas, 1996-2001
- Member, Executive Board of Diocese of Texas, c. 1998-1999

Military

- Active 1977-1981, Reserve Officer 1981-1984
- Entering rank: Private First Class, Terminal rank: Captain
- Served primarily as an Infantry Officer on 1/41st Infantry of Second Armored Division, also served as Drill Instructor at 4th Battalion, 1st Advanced Infantry Training (AIT) Brigade
- Honor Graduate Basic Training
- Honor Graduate Advanced Infantry Training
- Honor Graduate Airborne Training
- Primary deployment officer for Emergency Deployment Readiness Battalion with two major overseas deployments and one reconnaissance overseas deployment