

BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENTS OF NOMINEES FOR STANDING COMMITTEE 2023

Mr. Gregory H. DePardo-Standing Committee

Gregory is the financial Corporate Controller for a public corporation in Rhode Island. His responsibilities include the consolidation of domestic and international financial subsidiaries, financial reporting to the Securities & Exchange Commission and staff oversight. He serves as Treasurer for his parish, St. Stephen's, Providence. He also assists as a sub-deacon during the sung, high Mass. He has an extensive background in Patristics, with a focus on the Eastern Fathers of the Church. His family was Eastern Orthodox for many years, and he spent a short time in seminary (diaconate preparation). His desire is to utilize his theological/liturgical/parish governance background, coupled with his financial and managerial experience to serve the diocese.

Mr. R. Scott Hovanec-Standing Committee

Scott is a retired Navy Chief, currently working in the War Gaming Department of the Naval War College in Newport. He is responsible for leading the technical staff maintaining multiple computer networks of differing classification levels; managing a \$1.5 million annual Life Cycle Management program for over \$6 million in hardware inventory; and providing project management for system and facilities installations and upgrades. Holy Cross, Middletown has been his spiritual home since 1997, where he previously served on the Property Committee, Vestry and currently serves as Senior Warden. He formerly served on the Diocesan Council and Council Executive Committee. Scott has been married to his lovely bride Sandy for 37 years, and they have three beautiful daughters. He spends his free time sharpening his photography skills, building Lego sets, reading fantasy adventure, science fiction, and military history, and spoiling his grandson.

The Rev. Sean Manchester-Standing Committee

Sean attended Andover Newton Theological School and Episcopal Divinity School and was ordained deacon by Bishop George Hunt in July 1985. His curacy began at St. Michael's, Bristol. Later he served as Chaplain at Rhode Island College and at the University of New Mexico. It was during this latter ministry that he met Michelle. They married in June of 1991 and then moved to RI. In 1994, he graduated from Smith College School for Social Work and worked as a special education social worker in the Providence School System. At the same time, he served as supply priest for parishes throughout the Diocese. In 2009, he accepted the call as Vicar at St. Francis, Coventry. In addition to serving at St. Francis, Sean is a chaplain at Eleanor Slater Hospital and he is a private practice psychotherapist. As part of his contemplative life, he practices Centering Prayer and regularly attends retreats.

The Rev. Jennifer Zogg-Standing Committee

Jennifer serves Church of the Epiphany, East Providence, as their Rector. She began her ministry with them in 2015 and has been ordained since 2008. She led Epiphany through an entire sanctuary renovation in 2021 and the reimaging of formation, liturgical and outreach ministries in an evolving church landscape. During her time in the Diocese of Rhode Island, she has served on Diocesan Council as a member and as Vice-Chairperson. Other diocesan services include current membership on the Disciplinary Committee and Compensation and Benefits Committee. In her previous diocese, she also chaired the Commission on Ministry. She is a member of the international Associated Parishes for Liturgy and Mission and pursuing certification as a spiritual director.