



Dear St. Paul's family,

It is our great pleasure to announce that the Rev. Marco Gabriel Serrano has accepted our call to serve as the 19th rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Westfield.

After extensive efforts on the part of St. Paul's Discernment Committee, Fr. Marco was the overwhelming and enthusiastic choice of the St. Paul's vestry. Bishop Sally French affirmed the vestry's decision and extended the call to Fr. Marco. We are excited to welcome Fr. Marco as our next rector, together with his wife, Corrine, and their daughters Elsa, 10, Emilia, 7, and Maria, 5. The Serranos will settle into the rectory in December, and their first Sunday with us will be on the Baptism of our Lord, January 7, 2024.

Fr. Marco is currently the rector of St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, Lawrence, Kansas, where he has served since 2019. He is also the Interim Chaplain at Bishop Seabury Academy, an Episcopal secondary school in Lawrence. Before accepting the call to lead St. Margaret's, Fr. Marco served as the Associate at Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral in Kansas City, Missouri. He is currently a member of the Commission on Ministry for the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, serves as a member of the Bishop's Committee for Canterbury House of Lawrence, and previously served as the chaplain for the Diocese of Kansas's Episcopal Summer Camp.

Fr. Marco received his B.A. from Bowling Green State University and his M.A. from the University of California, Riverside, both in philosophy. He received his J.D. and M.Div. from Yale University. Fr. Marco also holds a Diploma of Anglican Studies from Berkeley Divinity School at Yale, where he was awarded the Thomas Philips Memorial Award for the exceptional achievement and further promise in the study and practice of Anglican liturgy. Prior to entering ordained ministry, Fr. Marco practiced international law in New York City. The Northeast is also where Corrine and Fr. Marco were married and began their family, and they are thrilled to return to the area as they raise their children. They are also excited to become a St. Paul's Day School family, with Maria entering kindergarten this January.

The vestry wishes to extend its considerable gratitude to the Discernment Committee, Aldo Scrofani and Sandy Antonelli, Co-Chairs. Their diligent efforts were critical to the success of this process. Together, we have prayerfully discerned God's call for Fr. Marco to lead us into our next chapter. Please keep Fr. Marco, Corrine, and their family in your prayers as we enter this exciting new stage of our transition.

Sincerely,
Andy Rovito
Elisa Gallagher
Co-Wardens