



Meet our New Daughters' Diocesan Chaplain

The Rev. Linda Wirt

*Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!
Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.
Philippians 4:4-5*

This is one of my favorite Bible verses. It uplifts me and empowers me with immense gratitude. I am deeply thankful to serve God's beloved. I feel it is an honor and privilege to journey with them in their spiritual lives.

Currently, I serve as Director of Pastoral Care and Chaplain at The Covington in Aliso Viejo, an Episcopal Communities and Services nonprofit, which has over 160 residents in independent living, assisted living, and skilled nursing facilities. There is a chapel where two ecumenical services are held every Sunday. Our residents participate in outreach programs, including Laundry Love, South County Outreach food drives for the hungry, and other programs. Also, we have a Psalm Interfaith Study, a Lenten Book Study, and a Men's Fellowship. It is my privilege to serve this vibrant community filled with such caring and loving residents.

Before coming to The Covington, I worked as a Team Chaplain for CareChoice Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc., providing pastoral care to hospice patients and their families in Central Orange County. I was part of an interdisciplinary team for holistic care of mind, body, and spirit. I engaged volunteers to offer support to patients through art therapy, pet therapy, music, and other creative means.

I have served as an Assisting Priest at St. George's Episcopal Church in Laguna Hills and as an Associate Priest, School Chaplain, and

Teacher at St. Margaret of Scotland Episcopal School and Church in San Juan Capistrano. I taught in the Middle School—8th Grade, World Religion, and Introduction to Spirituality—and in the Upper School—Hebrew Bible as Literature and New Testament as Literature. I led chapel services for all levels and served on the K-12 curriculum committee for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

Prior to my ordination in 2013, I attended General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church in New York City and graduated in 2012 with a Master of Divinity degree and a Spiritual Direction Certificate. I have lived in Orange County for the past thirty years, raising two children, Leah and Robert, who now have families of their own that live close by. I enjoy spending my free time with my four grand daughters, Leilani, who is six years old, Lorelie, who is four, Bobbi 2, and Lily 18 months.

While I am currently a Daughter at Large in the Diocese, I took my vows in 1998 as a member of the Chapter at St. Margaret's in San Juan Capistrano. I have led others to the Order over the years as a mentor through the preparation process. I have led retreats at St. Mary's in Santa Barbara, and I helped to host the 2019 Daughters' Spring Assembly. I look forward to shining a bright light by proclaiming the Gospel and expanding Christ's Kingdom as the new Chaplain for the Daughters of the King in the Los Angeles Diocese. ■