

The Rt. Rev. Rayford High Biography

The Rt. Rev. Rayford High, former canon for pastoral ministries and the diocesan liaison to St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital was elected bishop suffragan, June 7, 2003 at Christ Church Cathedral, Houston. He was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Bruce McPhearson on October 4, 2003 at Camp Allen.

Bishop High and his wife Pat live in Tyler from where he oversees 44 congregations in the Northeast, Northwest and Southeast Convocations. This includes Beaumont, Jasper, Liberty, Orange, Port Arthur and Port Neches in addition to Silsbee and Woodville as well as the area of east Texas from Jefferson to Waco and Killeen, Lufkin, Longview and Henderson areas. In addition to his Episcopal visitations (and confirmations) Bishop High is Executive for Pastoral Ministries, and will oversee the pastoral care of clergy and their families, as well as have oversight of renewal and prison ministries.

Prior to becoming Canon for Pastoral Ministries, Bishop High served in parish ministry for 32 years, most recently as rector of St. Paul's, Waco. A native of Houston, Bishop High graduated from Bellaire High School; University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee and Episcopal Theological School in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He has been elected to represent the diocese as a deputy at General Convention on eight occasions and was named Waco humanitarian of the year. High and his wife Pat have been married for 42 years and have three children and six grandchildren.