

## Biography of the Rev. Kevin Dellaria

The Rev. Kevin Dellaria was born and raised in Houston, TX. In 1994, Fr. Kevin moved to Abilene, TX, to complete undergraduate studies in Bible at the Logsdon School of Theology on the campus of Hardin-Simmons University. Upon graduation in 1996, he continued his work at Logsdon by pursuing graduate studies in religion, which he completed in 2001. During his first semester at Hardin-Simmons, Kevin met a young woman, Donna Smith, who soon became his closest companion. In November 1996, Kevin and Donna were married under the immense stained glass of Logsdon Chapel.

Around the time they were married, Kevin and Donna began attending the Episcopal Church of the Heavenly in Abilene. Under the leadership and direction of the Rev. J. Scott Mayer, now Bishop of the Diocese of Northwest Texas, the young couple was confirmed in 1998, and became increasingly involved in the Episcopal Church. During their tenure at Heavenly Rest, Kevin served as a choir member, Altar Guild member, EFM mentor, youth and adult formation instructor, convention delegate and Vestry member, among other duties.

In 2005, following a period of discernment, Fr. Kevin was granted postulancy by the Rt. Rev. C. Wallis Ohl, then Bishop of Northwest Texas, which allowed him to pursue ordination to the priesthood. Closing a seven-year career with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas, Kevin moved with his wife to Austin, TX, where he studied for the Master of Divinity degree at the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest. During his seminary years, Fr. Kevin served as a student, and later a Deacon, at Trinity Episcopal Church in Marble Falls, TX.

Fr. Kevin was ordained to the Diaconate at the Church of the Heavenly Rest, in Abilene, on December 20, 2007. Upon graduation from seminary in May 2008, he accepted a call to serve as Assistant Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church in Victoria, TX. He was ordained to the Priesthood in Victoria by the Rt. Rev. David Reed on July 11, 2008, the Feast of St. Benedict.

Kevin and Donna have a three-year-old daughter, Lillian, and a new baby due to arrive on September 4, 2009. Currently, Fr. Kevin serves on the Nominating Committee and the Health Insurance Committee for the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas. His wife, Donna, is a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC).