

Culver priest assists at Bishop's visit

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The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church made a visit to the Diocese of Northern Indiana the weekend of October 14 through 16). She attended the diocesan convention in South Bend from Friday to Saturday and celebrated Holy Communion at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Plymouth Sunday. The Right Rev. Edward S Little, II (Bishop of the Diocese of Northern Indiana) and the Rev. Canon John Schramm (Rector of St. Thomas, Plymouth) took part in the service.



The Rev. Thomas E. Haynes (Priest in Charge at St. Elizabeth's, Culver) served as the Bishop's Chaplain. The service was bilingual to reflect the Hispanic and Anglo congregations which worship there. The choir, led by Mary Pat Glaub had special music prepared. Representatives from regional churches attended the service, and the church was packed.

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Bishop Schori preached using Exodus 33:12-23 as her primary text, notes Haynes. The sermon was in Spanish and English and challenged the congregation to look for the "glory of God" as it passed by.

Bishop Schori is one of 38 bishops in the worldwide Anglican Communion who supervise and lead large regions containing many dioceses. She pastors the Episcopal Church in the United States and fifteen other countries including Taiwan, Honduras, Venezuela, and Ecuador. She is the first woman to serve at this level in the Anglican Communion. She was elected Presiding Bishop in 2006 and has been especially committed to social justice and work with the poor in her leadership. Presiding Bishops usually serve nine years. Bishop Schori holds a Ph.D in Oceanography from Oregon State University and taught at the college level before being called to the priesthood. She earned an M.Div from the Church Divinity School of the Pacific in 1994 and served as a priest in Oregon before being elected Bishop of Nevada in 2001.

Pictured, from left to right, are Rev. Haynes (St. Elizabeth's, Culver), Bishop Little (7th Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Indiana), Bishop Schori (26th Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church), and Rev. Schramm (St. Thomas, Plymouth)