

THE REV. CANON DR. MANOJ M. ZACHARIA

The Rev. Canon Dr. Manoj M. Zacharia graduated from Vassar College (B.A. in political philosophy) where he served as president of the Virginia A. Smith Debate Society and editor for *Real Politik*, a student-run political science journal. He earned his first degree in theology (the equivalent to a Master of Divinity) at the Mar Thoma Theological Seminary in Kerala, India, and was ordained through the Mar Thoma Syrian Church (an Anglican Communion partner). He then attended the General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church, in New York, where he obtained his Master of Sacred Theology (S.T.M) with a concentration in Christian Ascetic Theology. In the spring of 2018, he completed his doctoral dissertation at the University of St. Michael's College in the University of Toronto (Ph.D.).

Before accepting his position as rector of St. Anne's Episcopal Church in Annapolis, MD, he was sub-dean of Christ Church Cathedral in Cincinnati, OH. There he acted as Canon Vicar of the largest endowed Episcopal Cathedral in the US, and was responsible for the supervision of clergy, liturgical formation and adult formation.

Manoj's area of academic-theological interest is the methodology of inter-religious dialogue. Among his life experiences are stints working in politics, business-economic development, and the financial field. He has also served as a lecturer in philosophy, English, and Anglican theology.

Manoj also completed a Fellowship at the prestigious Hartman Institute (Shalom Hartman) through the Christian Leadership Initiative sponsored conjointly by Hartman and the American Jewish Committee.

He is married to Joelle Thomas Zacharia, an English lecturer. They have two children, Abigail and Johan.