THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE
NAMES THE REVEREND CANON PATRICK MALLOY
AS ACTING DEAN

Search underway to choose 11th Dean of the Cathedral

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June 9, 2022 - The Board of Trustees of the Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine have announced that The Reverend Canon Dr. Patrick Malloy has been appointed Acting Dean of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, 1047 Amsterdam Avenue (at 112th Street). Canon Malloy, who currently serves as the Cathedral’s Sub-Dean and Canon for Liturgy and The Arts, will be the Acting Dean as the Cathedral Board of Trustees begins a search process to identify the 11th Dean.

The Right Reverend Andrew ML Dietsche, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of New York and Chairman of the Cathedral’s Board of Trustees, said, “I am absolutely delighted that Canon Malloy agreed to take on the interim role of acting Dean. This role comes at a crucial time as the Cathedral emerges from COVID, recovery from the 2019 fire, ambitious capital projects and the growth of its mission driven programs. I look forward to serving alongside him at this historic and sacred building in its ministry to our diocese, people from throughout the United States and around the world. Please join me in praying for Canon Malloy as he stewards our beloved Cathedral during this time of transition.”

In response to this appointment, Canon Malloy said, “The Bishop and the Trustees honor me in entrusting me with this ministry. Six years ago when Dean Kowalski invited me to join his staff, none of us imagined what was about to happen in the world. Barack Obama was still president, the Cathedral had not suffered the second fire, and COVID didn’t even exist. Living and working at the Cathedral through so much change and so much crisis has shown me how resilient the Cathedral is and much is possible here. I can’t think of another religious or civic institution with so much potential. I’m excited to be picking up where Dean Daniel left off during these days of the search for the next Dean.”

Frank Brown, President of the Cathedral’s Board of Trustees, commented, “I know I speak on behalf of our Cathedral community when I say how pleased we are that Canon Patrick Malloy accepted the appointment of Acting Dean. Canon Malloy brings immense experience and talent
to his new role, and importantly also continuity since he has served as our Sub-Dean over the past 4 years.”

Canon Malloy, who joined the Cathedral in the summer of 2016 as Canon, Liturgy & The Arts, was appointed Sub-Dean in 2018. Prior to joining the Cathedral he served as the Interim Dean at St. John's Cathedral in Denver. He has taught at The General Theological Seminary, New York, where he was Professor of Liturgy; St. John's University, Collegeville; the University of Santa Clara, California; and Duquesne University, Pittsburgh. In 2008-2009, Canon Malloy, then Rector of Grace Episcopal Church in Allentown, PA, designed and was general contractor for the renovation of the church. For this work, he received an architecture design award in 2012 from the American Institute of Architects.

Canon Malloy steps into the role of Dean following the tenure of The Right Reverend Clifton Daniel III, 10th Dean of the Cathedral, who entered retirement in June. As Acting Dean, Canon Malloy will continue the work of his predecessor in steering a vibrant community amidst a time of transitions in New York City and in the Cathedral itself. Anticipated later this year is the culmination of years of restoration work on the Cathedral’s Guastavino tile dome and acclaimed Great Organ, both damaged by smoke during a fire in 2019.

More details on the Cathedral leadership transition will be shared on the Cathedral’s website, stjohndivine.org.

**About The Cathedral**
The Cathedral of St. John the Divine is the Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of New York. It is chartered as a house of prayer for all people and a unifying center of intellectual light and leadership.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Cathedral has responded to changing needs in the local community and across the city and state. People from many faiths and communities worship together in daily services held online and in person; the soup kitchen serves roughly 50,000 meals annually; social service outreach has an increasingly varied roster of programs to safely provide resources and aid to the hardest-hit New Yorkers; the distinguished Cathedral School prepares young students to be future leaders; Advancing the Community of Tomorrow, the renowned preschool, afterschool and summer program, offers diverse educational and nurturing experiences; the outstanding Textile Conservation Lab preserves world treasures; concerts, exhibitions, performances and civic gatherings allow conversation, celebration, reflection and remembrance—such is the joyfully busy life of this beloved and venerated Cathedral.

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