



We are pleased to announce that beginning January 1, 2020, **the Right Rev. Robert Ihloff**, 13th Bishop of Maryland will join the staff of the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland to serve as assisting bishop to the Right Rev. Eugene Taylor Sutton, our diocesan bishop. We are excited to welcome Bishop Ihloff back into service in the Diocese of Maryland. He will serve as second bishop in an appropriate ecclesiastical capacity, as staff liaison to Commission on Ministry, as primary bishop for western Maryland, and as staff liaison for the small church movement. He will visit congregations on Sundays to celebrate, preach and confirm as well as performing other episcopal functions, such as ordinations, seasonal confirmations, and celebrations of new ministry.

Many of you knew or worked with Bishop Ihloff in his capacity as Bishop Diocesan of Maryland from 1995 – 2007 and many of you will be meeting him for the first time. Born and raised in central Connecticut, Bishop Ihloff was ordained a deacon in 1967 and priest in 1968. Before becoming Bishop of Maryland, he served parishes in Connecticut, Massachusetts and New Jersey. As Bishop of Maryland, he worked extensively on congregational renewal, social justice issues, Christian formation, and the development of our diocesan camp and conference center at Claggett.

From 2002 to 2009, Bishop Ihloff served as president of Province III (13 dioceses in the mid-Atlantic area including Virginia). In that role, he served as a member of the Presiding Bishop's Council of Advice for two presiding bishops. From 1996 to 2009, he was a member of the Theology Committee of the House of Bishops. Bishop Ihloff has served as a trustee of Virginia Theological Seminary and a on the board of the National Association of Episcopal Schools.

Bishop Ihloff served as co-chair of the Urban and Social Concerns Committee for three General Conventions of The Episcopal Church and remained active on several committees and boards within the House of Bishops. In 2014, he came out of retirement for 14 months to be full-time interim rector at Church of the Redeemer, Baltimore and most recently has been serving as bishop associate in the Diocese of Virginia part time.

Bishop Ihloff and his wife Nancy have two married children and six grandchildren. He is a voracious reader and an opera lover. A life-long gardener, he has, over the years, cultivated more than 150 varieties of 19th century English roses.