

The Right Rev. Robert W. Ihloff
Assisting Bishop of Maryland

The Right Rev. Robert Ihloff, 13th Bishop of Maryland, serves as Assisting Bishop to the Right Rev. Eugene Taylor Sutton, our diocesan bishop. He serves as second bishop in an appropriate ecclesiastical capacity, as staff liaison to Commission on Ministry and the people discerning for ordination to the priesthood and diaconate, as primary bishop for western Maryland, and as staff liaison for the small church movement. He visits 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.

Bishop Ihloff served as Bishop Diocesan of Maryland from 1995-2007. 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 the Claggett Center, our diocesan camp and conference center in Frederick County.

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, in 2018-2019 he served 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 and English roses. He lives today in a high rise building in Baltimore City and his gardening is confined to pots on the deck.