

About the Diocese of All Nations

Bishop Felix Orji, located in Houston, TX

Bishop Scott Seeley, located in San Antonio, TX

Cathedral: St. Francis is in El Paso, TX

History

- Originally called CANA, the Diocese of All Nations began in 2006, as a Nigerian mission to America to support **Biblically faithful Anglicans** who could no longer stay in the Episcopal Church
- The first leader was **Bishop Martyn Minns**
 - o In the 1980s, Martyn Minns was the founding pastor of Church of the Holy Spirit in Lafayette. It was because of Martyn that Bob & Cheryl Ogle came to Lafayette, and because of their mutual connection to Martyn that Bob and Peter first hit it off: “Martyn gave me my start in this town; I’m going to give you yours!”
- **Bishop Felix** was consecrated in 2011 and given the western division (CANA West)
- **Bishop Scott** was consecrated in 2020 and serves as Assistant Bishop under Felix, with a focus on mission and church planting
- In 2023, CANA West transferred from Church of Nigeria to the ACNA, and took the name **Diocese of All Nations**

Parishes: 31 churches (7 church plants in the last year)

Clergy: 67 clergy (only men are ordained as Bishop, Priest, and Deacon)

Presence in Louisiana: There is a church plant in Baton Rouge, and another church plant in development in Shreveport.

Transfers From Diocese of the Western Gulf Coast

Fr Peter will be the seventh clergyman requesting transfer from DWGC this fall. Six of these seven are transferring to the Diocese of All Nations.

Fr Mark Ball, *Missio Dei Houston*

Dn Mike Storey, *Missio Dei Houston*

Fr Brendan Kimbrough, *Missio Dei Houston, SAMS*

Fr Marc Omar, *Missio Dei Panama*

Fr John Goodman, *Christ Church Rio Grande Valley*

Fr Jon Henson, *Gathering Church Richmond* (transfer to Diocese of the South)

Fr Peter Johnston, *Trinity Lafayette*

Mission Statement: We are a fellowship of Christian believers whose mission is to make disciples of Christ by preaching the Biblical gospel of grace, teaching God's Word faithfully to believers, and supporting one another in this mission and ministry of the Church to the glory of God alone.

Vision Statement: Our vision is to plant, grow, and revitalize churches made of disciples of Jesus Christ from every nation, race, tribe, and tongue who are Christ-centered, biblically-faithful, mission-minded, Spirit-filled, holy, loving, and united under God for His glory and praise.

Core Values

1. Trinitarian
2. Christ-Centered
3. Biblical
4. Historic Anglicanism
5. Missionary
6. Local Congregations
7. Generous
8. Prayer
9. Diversity
10. Holiness of Life

Fr Peter's Reasons for Selecting All Nations

- 1) **Continuity** – If Trinity transfers to All Nations, nothing will change in our Sunday Services or Weekday Ministries. We are in a season of wonderful ministry growth, and this is the path of greatest continuity for Trinity.
- 2) **Mission & Growing Louisiana Presence** – The Diocese of All Nations is passionate about church planting, including in Louisiana. It has a new plant in Baton Rouge and another in development in Shreveport.
- 3) **Pastoral Support** – I'm grateful for the pastoral support Bishop Felix has provided me in this difficult season, and for his commitment to supporting pastors. A pastor needs a strong relationship with his Bishop to function well.