

Biography of the Rt. Rev. Brian Seage

Brian Richard Seage is the tenth bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Mississippi. Now resigned, he was consecrated on September 27, 2014.

Brian R. Seage was elected on May 3, 2014, at St. Andrew's Cathedral in Jackson, MS. He was consecrated as bishop coadjutor on September 27, 2014, and then succeeded Duncan M Gray, III as the tenth bishop diocesan when Gray retired in February 2015.

Seage was elected as bishop coadjutor during his tenure as rector at St. Columb's in Ridgeland, MS where he began serving in 2005. He was also the dean of the Central Convocation of the Diocese of Mississippi where he helped co-ordinate and enable the ministry of Episcopal clergy in central Mississippi.

He holds an undergraduate degree from Pepperdine University and a Master of Divinity from the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest. He has been a priest since 1998.

From 1997 to 1998, Seage served as curate at St. John's, Ocean Springs, and then as rector of St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Diamondhead from 1998 to 2005, growing both attendance and programming in the parish. A successful building program was completed and average Sunday attendance doubled during his ministry at St. Thomas.

Seage was called to St. Columb's in 2005. St. Columb's attendance and programming grew under his leadership and a large building project was completed.

Before entering the priesthood, Seage served as director of youth ministry for St. Patrick's Episcopal Church in his native Thousand Oaks, CA. In this large, program-size church he managed a team of volunteers to support both the junior high and senior high youth groups, assisted with chapel at St. Patrick's Day School, and coordinated the congregation's Habitat for Humanity program.

In the Diocese of Mississippi, Seage served as a Fresh Start facilitator and was on the diocese's executive committee from 2006 through 2009. He was also a member of the diocesan Restructure Task Force.

Seage was a summer camp session director at Camp Bratton-Green from 2006 until 2019. He also served on the Gray Center Board of Managers and the Executive committee of the Diocese. While at St. Thomas, he served on the board of trustees for Coast Episcopal School.

During his tenure as Bishop of Mississippi Seage served the wider church as a Trustee at Sewanee, Trustee at Seminary of the Southwest and Board member for Recovery Ministries

of the Episcopal Church along with other assignments. In Mississippi he was active in the wider community with Working Together Jackson and Working Together Mississippi.

Brian is married to the Rev. Kyle Dice Seage, former rector at St. Philip's in Jackson, MS and current rector at St. Stephen's in Belvedere, California. They are parents to two adult daughters, Katie and Betsy.

Seage publicly announced his plans to resign his position on October 27, 2022. Seage joined his wife in California after the ordination and consecration of the Rt. Rev. Dorothy Sanders Wells as the eleventh bishop diocesan of Mississippi on July 20, 2024