

CR-3 Thanksgiving for the Ministry of the Venerable Holly Hanback

WHEREAS, the Venerable Holly Hanback faithfully served as Archdeacon of the Diocese of Virginia from her appointment by the Rt. Rev. Susan E. Goff in December 2019 until she stepped down in the summer of 2026, offering guidance, encouragement, and pastoral care to the Community of Deacons and to those discerning a call to diaconal ministry; and

WHEREAS, throughout her tenure, Holly understood and lived her vocation as a “servant to the servants,” walking alongside her fellow deacons with compassion and helping to nurture their ministries during a season of remarkable growth in the diaconate; and

WHEREAS, her service with the Spanish Language Discernment and Formation Task Force has helped open pathways through which the gifts and vocations of Spanish-speaking members of our diocese may be more fully recognized, nurtured, and welcomed; and

WHEREAS, her ministry at St. Gabriel’s—San Gabriel and among the communities of Leesburg and Loudoun County bears witness to the diaconal calling to make Christ’s love known through care for families, young people facing housing insecurity, and neighbors in need of food; and

WHEREAS, in these ministries she has called the Church to attend to the world beyond its doors, reminding us that the people we encounter there are bearers of God’s image, and that our worship finds its fruit in lives offered in service;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 232nd Annual Convention of the Diocese of Virginia give thanks to Almighty God for the ministry of the Venerable Holly Hanback and express its deep affection and gratitude for her faithful service as Archdeacon; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Convention honor her example by renewing our own baptismal commitment to seek Christ in our neighbors, pursue justice and peace, and uphold the dignity of every person, supporting the ministry of deacons and the servant ministry of all the baptized; and be it further

RESOLVED, that, in thanksgiving for Holly’s completed service as Archdeacon, we commend her continuing life and ministry to God’s gracious keeping, praying that the Holy Spirit will refresh her, that Christ will accompany her in every new calling, and that she will know the enduring love and gratitude of this diocesan family; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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