



The Rev. John S. Kalimi

Vicar, African Fellowship Mission

Born and raised in Uganda, the Rev. John Ssebalugga Kalimi is the sixth of eight children born to the late Rev. Eli and Mrs. Jemimah Kalimi of Luweero District. A cradle Anglican, John grew up under spiritual mentorship and tutorage of his father, who was also an ordained Anglican minister.

John is a graduate of Bishop Tucker Theological College Mukono – a pioneer theological Seminary within Eastern and Central Africa – which has since become a full-fledged institution of higher learning – the Uganda Christian University. In 1990, he was ordained to the priesthood at St. Paul’s Cathedral Namirembe in Kampala, Uganda.

After one year of teaching at a regional seminary – Uganda Martyrs’ Seminary Namugongo – John was appointed Assistant to the Dean of St. Paul’s Cathedral Namirembe. In January 1995, John was appointed Personal Assistant and Chaplain to the newly installed Bishop of Namirembe Diocese - a position he held until he attained a scholarship to pursue further studies in the United States of America.

Upon graduation in May 1997 with a Masters in Theological Studies (MATS), John moved to Austin, Texas, and spent one year at the Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest doing independent studies in Worship and Anglican Studies.

In 1998, John accepted a call by the Bishop of Dallas to serve as Vicar to an inner city mission station – St. George’s Episcopal Church – within the Episcopal Diocese of Dallas. At the end of 2007 Father John resigned his post of Vicar at St. George’s to answer a call from numerous members of the African Immigrant community in the DFW metroplex to meet the needs of Anglican brothers and sisters from Africa. St. Vincent’s Cathedral African Fellowship (SVCAF) held their first service in March 2009.

Under the pastoral leadership of Fr. Kalimi and Dean Reed’s oversight, the SVCAF congregation continues to grow and has so far attracted Africans from various African countries, including Kenya, Congo, Sudan, Burundi, Uganda, etc. Fr. John is married to Josephine and they are blessed with two children – who are currently studying in Africa.