



Retired, Very Rev. Rebecca McClain

Former Vice President / Director Executive Director of the National Episcopal Church Deployment Office, former Dean of Trinity Episcopal Diocese, Arizona. She is the person who originally encouraged Ms. McCarty to open StarShine Academy. The Very Rev. Rebecca L. McClain, the Godly Play Foundation's executive director, said the alliance (with CPI) "has been achieved because of our passion for the stories we share and the children we seek to serve around the world. We are committed to work together in a spirit of wonder." The Rev. Rebecca McClain, an expert in teaching religion to children, has been named Canon Missioner and interim pastor at St. Mark's Cathedral in Seattle and will take up her new duties on Nov. 1, 2008.

A cradle Episcopalian and a Houston native, McClain is a former high school teacher with a bachelor's degree in biology and history from Trinity University in San Antonio. After experiencing a call to ordination in 1974, she earned a master's degree in religion from the Seminary of the Southwest and eventually was ordained in 1985.

She served at Resurrection, Austin, and at Epiphany, Houston, before moving to Arizona in 1989. There, she was involved in developing rural ministry and stewardship. In 1992, she was named Canon to the Ordinary and, three years later, became dean of Trinity Cathedral. In 2005 she was named executive director of the national Church Deployment Office (CDO).

She has since retired back to Phoenix to help StarShine more than ever.