



## **The Reverend Andrew Petiprin Candidate for Standing Committee Lay Order**

I have been the rector of St. Mary of the Angels in south Orlando since September 2011, and I am most grateful to lead this loving, rapidly-growing congregation. I was raised in Orlando before pursuing my B.A. from the University of Pittsburgh. I also hold an M.Phil. from Oxford University in England, where I was a British Marshall Scholar from 2001 to 2003. I trained for ordination and received my M.Div. at Yale. I am 34 years old.

In addition to my parish responsibilities, I have taught at the Institute for Christian Studies and I write regularly for the *Living Church* magazine and the *Covenant* weblog. Before ordination I spent three years as a public high school teacher in Orlando. I am married to Amber, and we have two small children, Alexander and Aimee.

If elected to the Standing Committee, I will support our bishop humbly and enthusiastically, praying always for wisdom to make decisions that accord with God's will. I hope that the voice of a younger priest might add something valuable to discussions surrounding the challenges and opportunities facing our future. I believe we must be realistic about the changing demographics of our region and be good neighbors that take the lead in building up our communities for the sake of the kingdom of God. In my own parish I see a hunger among people for "deep church" – biblical, sacramental, and active faith that our parishes are in good position to teach and practice.

I am eager to share my leadership gifts at the diocesan level as a member of the Standing Committee if called upon to do so.