

Irais Murphy
Candidate for Election to the Diocesan Board, Lay Order

I was born in San Juan Puerto Rico. From a very young age I was very active in the Roman Catholic Church, belonging to the Youth Club, and certified catechists where I was teaching catechism for more than 6 years. I have a B.A. in Criminal Justice and a master's degree in Labor Relations from the Interamerican University of Puerto Rico. I married Cristobal Nieves 28 years ago in the Episcopal Church of San Pedro and San Pablo in Bayamón, P.R. which we both attended. I worked at Motorola USA Electronics as a Senior Security Supervisor and later as Director of Security at the Universidad Sagrado Corazón de Puerto Rico.

20 years ago, I moved to Davenport with my family and my parents for health reasons since I have suffered from Rheumatoid Arthritis since I was 13 years old and I am disabled by social security for this reason. I came to St. John's Episcopal Church in Kissimmee 7 years ago, as it was an Episcopal Church and they gave Mass in Spanish. I collaborate as a volunteer at Casa Trinidad de St John's Episcopal organizing and helping with the Food Pantry. I have been a catechist for the children and youth in St. John's and organized First Communions. I collaborated in the Office/Reception of the Church, I was a Junior Warden for the last 2 years. I belong to the Cursillo Hispano Secretary, I am the Secretary of the The Hispanic Commission and I belong to the Transition Committee of the Bishop-elect. I am loyal in my faith and my Episcopal Christian faith principals. My first language is Spanish and my level of English is intermediate, but I continue to educate myself to improve it.