

The Rev. Dr. José Rodríguez
Diocesan Board
Clerical Order

Padre José is the co-rector at Christ the King and the vicar at Jesús de Nazaret. He serves diverse congregations, uniting them in one witness to our one Lord. Under his leadership, the congregations have sponsored many deacons and priests now serving in and outside our diocese. In 2023, he was the petition candidate for the bishop of Southern Ohio election, where a broad and diverse coalition of leaders supported his candidacy. Padre José is committed to the health and vitality of the Diocese of Central Florida and The Episcopal Church.

He and the congregations he serves have ministered to thousands. Their work with vulnerable and disadvantaged communities is known and respected. It includes hunger relief, vocational rehabilitation, public health initiatives, and an expanding youth program in partnership with the State of Florida. Padre José serves as an executive within one of Florida's largest Hispanic advocacy and service groups.

He has served as alternate deputy and then deputy at the past three General Conventions. He has supported the work of our diocese and bishop and served on committees and working groups. He also authored, co-authored, and supported many resolutions that have passed. Many of these have directly supported our partners in Province IX. These resolutions have supported equity and parity in ministry for the laity and underrepresented groups in discernment processes.

Outside of our diocese, he is a leader within the General Convention's Deputies of Color and Hispanic Caucus. In 2022, he spoke at the joint Diocesan Convention of the Dioceses of Eastern and Western Michigan. He is a researcher at the University of Florida and the University of Texas at Austin. He holds an MBA, his doctoral dissertation focused on human migration and demographic change, and his M.Div. followed an academic track focused on Latino Anglicanism. He is also a regular columnist in the Orlando Sentinel, previously a finalist for Central Floridian of the Year.