

ST. ANNE'S SCHOOL HOSTS ITS 1st EVER ORDINATION !

On Friday, January 20, St. Anne's Episcopal School will host the ordination of the Rev. Gary Taylor to the order of Priesthood.

The Rev. Taylor joined the school in the summer as Chaplain succeeding the Rev. Louise Howlett. As Chaplain, he oversees the spiritual life of the school, teaching religion classes and running the school's weekly chapel services. The ordination is the first such service that the relatively young school, which opened in 2002, has hosted.

Ordination to the priesthood in the Episcopal church requires a Master of Divinity degree as well as the endorsement of a diocese and bishop. Mr. Taylor entered postulancy in the diocese of Connecticut and so he will be ordained with permission of the Episcopal bishop of that diocese, the Rt. Rev. Ian Douglas.

Chaplain Taylor, a graduate of Yale College and the Harvard Graduate School of Education, attended seminary at the Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, Virginia. The Very Rev. Ian Markham, Dean and President of the Virginia Seminary will be on hand to preach at Friday's ordination.

"I am deeply honored and overjoyed to be held up by the people of two diocese as well as by the community at St. Anne's School to serve them as their priest," Mr. Taylor said. " I have been a teacher and school-person for my entire career; while it seems unusual to many for me to be ordained at a school, in fact it fits perfectly with what I perceive as my vocation and is a deeply satisfying way for me to answer God's call to serve."

The ordination service will be held in the school's gymnasium and will feature participation from more than 25 priests as well as The Rev. Daniel R. Heischman, Executive Director, National Association of Episcopal Schools, The Rt. Rev. James J. Shand, Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Easton and The Rt. Rev. Wayne P. Wright, Bishop of the Diocese of Delaware.

"As a spiritual community, we are always investing in hope, "said Bishop Wright to the faculty of St. Anne's Episcopal School on Tuesday afternoon, as he discussed the ordination service. "The service on Friday shows that the entire institution shares in this idea of hope, and in the idea that Chaplain Taylor will have a fruitful ministry at St. Anne's."

The service is open to the public and to people of all faiths. It will begin at 1:30 and end at 3:00. For more information, please contact Carey Koppenhaver 9302) 378-3179.