

Fr. Zimmerman comes to us from St. Wilfred's Church in Sarasota, where he has served as Rector for the past five years. Prior to that, he served as Rector of St. Mary's Church in Dade City, as Assistant Rector at Holy Trinity Church in Clearwater, and as youth minister in St. Thomas Church in Coral Gables. Ordained to the priesthood in 1999, Doug previously received his M.Div. degree from Virginia Theological Seminary in 1998 and his Bachelor's degree in political science from Rhodes College in Memphis, Tennessee. Doug has been active in diocesan affairs during his ordained ministry, having served as a Deputy to General Convention as a member of both the Standing Committee and Diocesan Council, and as a Cursillo leader.

Doug and his wife, Tamara, were married in 1999 in the American Cathedral in Paris, where they had met while Doug was serving as the Pastoral Assistant there and Tamara was working as a nanny and studying French at the Sorbonne. A native of the United Kingdom, Tamara also studied early childhood education in London for two years, and earned a Bachelor's degree with honors in art history at Oxford Brooks University. Since moving to the United States, she has taught sacred studies at St. Stephen's Episcopal School in Coconut Grove, has served as Youth Minister at St. Thomas' Church in Coral Gables, Holy Trinity Cathedral in Miami, and Holy Trinity Church in Clearwater. She has also been involved in Habitat for Humanity, and is currently a health coach for Take Shape for Life. Tamara and Doug have four children, Andrew, 11; Anna, 9; Jonathan, 7; and Caroline, almost 2. While Doug will begin work here on March 1st, the timing of the family's move to Tampa will be contingent upon the sale of their home in Sarasota.