



Newly-ordained the Rev. Jedediah Fox with his wife, Mary Beth, talks about being a seventh-generation Episcopalian, serving the CSMSG congregation, and becoming a Cardinals fan.

Welcome to CSMSG! Please tell us about yourself!

I was born and raised in Helena, Montana. Helena is the capital, but it's still not that big a town, relatively speaking. It sits right up against the continental divide in the western part of Montana—lots of cows, lots of trees, but not a lot of people. I played sports and music growing up and was outdoors a lot. After I graduated from high school, I went to Carroll College, also in Helena. I graduated with a major in History in 2006. Right after I graduated, I got married and moved to New York City to attend the General Theological Seminary in Manhattan. It was a really big change to go from a town of 35,000 to the middle of a major metropolitan area. But New York was also a lot of fun. Mary Beth and I found a lot of things to do and places to explore and good food to eat, and now we are looking forward to doing the same in St. Louis.

Would you tell me about your

wife, Mary Beth? Mary Beth was born and raised in Bend, Oregon. Bend is not close to Portland or to the wet parts of Oregon. Bend is over on the eastern side of the Cascade Mountains and it is really rather desert-like. She came to Helena to go to school at Carroll and we met there. Mary Beth graduated with a major in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (or TESOL), and when we moved to New York, she enrolled in the Master of Social Work Program at Fordham. Mary Beth has been accepted for transfer to Washington University and will finish her degree there in the next two or three semesters.

As a newly-ordained priest, what are you most looking forward to? I am most looking forward to being able to serve the congregation in whatever ways that I can. The role of the priest is one of service to the people of the congregation, and I'm really excited about being able to do that.

One of your responsibilities will be heading Adult Education. Do you have specific ideas on what direction you would like to take it?

I have some ideas, but I really want to take the summer and find out about what has happened in the recent past, and go from there.

How does your faith affect your interactions with your family/friends?

My family has always been very faithful. I'm a seventh-generation Episcopalian on my mother's side, and so faith has always just been a part of the vocabulary of our family. It gives my family a unique perspective on the world. My friends also tend to be faithful people, so they understand my viewpoint and where I am and what I do. It's very nice to have people that are supportive of me and what I do.

How does your faith inform your daily life?

My faith interweaves the aspects of daily life and changes how I look at things. I look for the work of the Holy Spirit in the world and everyone around me, bringing the world into a closer relationship with God, and I try to make my life move into that flow of spirit.

What are your hobbies? I enjoy spending time with Mary Beth playing cribbage and drinking tea, I play a multiplicity of stringed instruments, and I have recently begun doing triathlons—short ones at least—and I'm excited to do some more.

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