

## **The Rev. Canon René Somodevilla Canon to the Ordinary**

- Principal ordained assistant to the Bishop
- Deployment officer
- Supervises search processes of congregations seeking to call clergy
- Chair of Commission on Ministry
- Works with Fresh Start
- Assists Bishop in pastoral care to clergy, their families & diocesan staff
- Supervises and assures the preparation of Letters of Agreement for each new clergyperson called to the diocese and assures canonical requirements are met
- Recruits suitable seminarians from other diocese for service in West Tennessee
- Assists the Bishop and staff on interpretation & application of canons of the church
- Serves on task forces and diocesan committees as requested by the Bishop
- Serves as ex-officio member of Bishop and Council
- Helps coordinate diocesan youth events