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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Grace, Sheboygan calls Interim Rector

Appleton, WI – March 10, 2010 – A new priest is serving as Interim Rector of Grace Episcopal Church in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. The Rev. Robert B. Clarke has accepted the call to serve as Interim Rector of Grace, an ecclesiastical term meaning a priest that is in charge of meeting the pastoral needs of a congregation. The call to serve was made by the Vestry, the governing board of the church, and affirmed by the Rt. Rev. Russell E. Jacobus, Bishop of the Diocese of Fond du Lac.

Fr. Clarke comes to Grace as a trained and experienced interim most recently serving congregations in Illinois. He served as Interim Dean at the Cathedral of St. Paul the Apostle, Fond du Lac from 2001-2002. He obtained a Masters of Divinity degree from Seabury-Western Seminary in Evanston, Illinois and a Doctor of Ministry in Pastoral Counseling from Chicago Theological Seminary. He also holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology.

Fr. Clarke was ordained as a Deacon and Priest in the Episcopal Church in 1983. Fr. Clarke is also a licensed pastoral counselor and has worked in private practice.

Grace Episcopal Church has a long and rich history in the community with its historic roots beginning in 1847. The building is a part of Sheboygan's Downtown Churches Historic District and is listed on the Wisconsin State Register of Historic Places. The congregation also hosts the American Proto Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham.

Fr. Clarke began his official duties on March 1st, 2010.

The Episcopal Diocese of Fond du Lac is composed of over 6,000 baptized members worshipping in 38 locations covering the northeast third of the State of Wisconsin.

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