

MICHAEL BOURDREZ



I was born in the Netherlands and came to the United States with my parents at the age of eight. I graduated from Friends Seminary, a private Quaker school in New York City, and earned a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Architecture from Columbia University. I married my high school classmate and have two sons and two grandchildren. I practiced architecture until 1991 when I joined the non-profit National Council of Architectural Registration Boards in Washington, DC. My wife Diana was a photo editor and worked for various publishing companies in New York, New Jersey and Washington, DC.

After retirement in 2008, Diana and I moved to New Mexico and settled in Corrales. I continued to consult for the National Architectural Accrediting Board until 2018. In Washington we were members of St. Alban's Episcopal Church where I served on the vestry for three years. In early 2009 we found our spiritual home at St. Michael's. I served the parish as lector, usher and servant at the altar, activities that did not impact my responsibilities as primary caretaker for Diana. Following Diana's death in 2017, I had a lot more time to devote to St. Michael's and was elected to the Vestry in 2019. While there, I was Vestry liaison to the Property Committee and took part as designer in the rehabilitation of the Parish Hall. I have served for two years as one of the parish delegates to the Diocese of the Rio Grande.

In addition to being a servant of worship, I have recently had the rewarding experience of being one the SUV drivers for the Las Familias monthly caravans that deliver clothes and other necessities to asylum seekers at various shelters in El Paso. I hope to continue and expand my service to the parish and to the wider community by joining the St. Michael and All Angels Vestry.