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Dennis Rozema is a Licensed Professional Counselor specializing in adolescent and adult mental health issues. Formally, Rozema worked as the high school crisis counselor for Birmingham Public Schools. He was named Michigan Counselor of the Year in 2000. He is involved with the Michigan Counseling Association, Michigan Mental Health Counselors Association and American Counseling Association. He currently resides in Rochester Hills.

"Behind the Mask – Adolescents in Hiding" Authored by: Dennis Rozema
Adolescent therapist explores teenage mind, offers advice, in new book

Stories of unstable teenagers seem to dominate today's headlines, with tales of ruthless bullying, staggering suicide rates, rampant drug abuse, and unbelievable acts of violence. But adolescent therapist and former high school crisis counselor Dennis Rozema is determined to help troubled teens break the trend.

In his new book *Behind the Mask*, Rozema takes readers inside the adolescent mind to help teenagers and their families overcome issues such as depression, anxiety, addiction, and suicidal thoughts.

Using quotes and personal stories from real-life adolescents, Rozema examines the issues facing today's teens and offers advice on tackling these challenges and uncovering your true potential.

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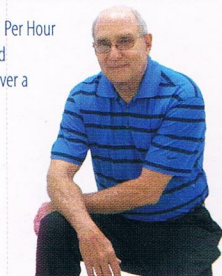
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A New Father In Town: Rev. Bill Danaher

By: Susan Kehoe, PhD

When invited to the welcome ceremony for the new Rector at Christ Church Cranbrook (CCC), The Rev. Dr. William J. Danaher, Jr., I had not yet met the man whom everyone calls "Bill." His personal bio was impressive: published author, an undergraduate degree from Brown University, and a Masters and a PhD in Religious Ethics from Yale University. Married for 24 years, he is raising two daughters with his wife, Claire. None of this, however, prepared me for the humor, perception, and vision of the man I came to interview.

Fr. Bill is highly sensitive to the people around him. The day we spoke he stopped the interview to meet with the children who came to his office to discuss their projects. I am certain he would have left me scratching my head with a pencil if a request from an ailing parishioner interrupted us. He makes it his mission to visit the sick and suffering; he understands the core work of shepherding a parish.



Christ Church Cranbrook circa 1924.



Father Bill meeting Governor Snyder at a community event.



Fr. Bill, new rector at Christ Church Cranbrook, volunteering at Focus Hope. Photo by Katy Knoer.



Susan Varbedian Luken, Senior Warden of Christ Church, introduces Fr. Bill at Welcome reception.

“Being rector is challenging because you are the pivotal representative of the Christian faith and are entrusted with the pastoral care of your parishioners. At the same time, you must be the CEO of all that makes Christ Church the institution that it is—administration, budget, reaching out to ministries in the area. This responsibility involves working with incredible clergy colleagues, staff, and experienced lay leadership.”

Fr. Bill also understands the obligation outlined by George and Eleanor Booth when they extended the size of the original Church build in 1928 to accommodate the Bloomfield Hills community and surrounding area. He explains: “The parish has been involved

in remarkable outreach work with Focus Hope, the Bound Together tutoring program in Pontiac, and various institutions dedicated to education, food, security, and capacity building. These efforts go hand-in-hand with the generosity of the Booth family.”

Since his ordination in 1995, Fr. Bill has served in Episcopal parishes in New Haven, Connecticut; New York City; Sewanee, Tennessee; and London, Ontario. He is only the 8th Rector of the Church since its inception.

When asked about his five-year vision he remarked, “I’d like to see an even more reflective community, dedicated to prayer

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Gene and Donna Hartwig with Fr. Bill at the Welcome reception.

and spirituality. I envision expanded outreach from this community. We must provide a place of sanctuary, contemplation and inspiration to worshipers.”

The Episcopal churches across the world welcome everyone, as demonstrated by the fact that 85% of Episcopalians migrated from other denominations. Attendance at CCC services seems to be surging, claim many congregants, and Fr. Bill hopes to see the outreach work do the same. An interesting note: when the funeral scene for the George Clooney movie, *Ides of March*, was filmed in Christ Church, people were required to make a donation if they wanted to sit in the pews to watch the filming. The \$20,000 raised from these donations went directly to the All Saints Church Bound Together tutoring program.

This 49-year-old pastor is well on his way to influencing spirituality in the Metro Detroit area, as well as broadening the sense of community. “The most important thing is to listen, and emphasize, and articulate values that should guide our actions as a Christian community.”



Claire Danaher and daughter Thea. Photo by Henahan-Wolfe photography.

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