

## **The Johns Hopkins Hospital Episcopal Chaplaincy**

For over 100 years, the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland has had a unique relationship with the Johns Hopkins Hospital. The Church of our Saviour, founded in 1844, with the original church built in 1870 and located directly across Broadway, faced the original main entrance of the hospital (known now as Billings Administration). In 1955 the church was demolished after being damaged beyond repair by Hurricane Hazel, and then rebuilt on the same site.

The Rev. Herman A. diBrandi (1919-2000), a native of Frederick, Maryland, served as rector of Church of our Saviour from 1961 to 1971. With the encouragement of the administration of Johns Hopkins, he organized and supervised The Pastoral Training Institute, a three-month residential program (1962-1967) for clergy and postulants for holy orders in the Episcopal Church. The church provided sleeping facilities, and the church staff supervised pastoral care in assigned hospital units as part of the training. In 1972, Church of our Saviour merged with St. Matthew's Mission, also located in the neighborhood, becoming Church of the Holy Covenant in a new building 4½ miles north of the hospital.

The Diocese subsequently sold the land on which the old church building stood to Johns Hopkins in 1986, and the church building was deconsecrated and demolished in 1987. An agreement to support continued ministry to patients was made between the Diocese of Maryland and the hospital. A portion of the proceeds of the sale was placed in an endowment to fund an Episcopal Chaplain, for whom JHH agreed to provide office space. A joint Committee for the Johns Hopkins Ministry provides oversight and support for the Episcopal Chaplain.

Over the years several chaplains have served in this role, which was recently expanded to include training in the Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) program as a supervisory candidate. Since June 2017, the Rev. Joshua Rodriguez-Hobbs has been the Episcopal Chaplain to The Johns Hopkins Hospital. Prior to joining the Johns Hopkins Spiritual Care Department, Josh served as a chaplain at Gilchrist Hospice Care and as a parish priest.



**Referrals for Chaplain Josh Rodriguez-Hobbs may be made by calling 410-955-5842.**

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