



Fr. Eric Cooter is a passionate, energetic and compassionate pastor. His commitment to Our Lord Jesus Christ and his love of people is evident in his smile and his outgoing presence. Fr. Eric has a very diverse background that includes business management, parish administration, and young adult ministry. Prior to ordination, Fr. Eric spent most of his career in management and as a retail buyer with two large retail corporations. In 2000, his spouse Terri Eros and he relocated to Southwest Florida. Fr. Eric and Terri owned a small aviation business for a time and then later, Fr. Eric served as the Congregational Manager/Lay Minister for

a parish in our Diocese.

Fr. Eric came to St. David's in June 2010 serving briefly as Curate and Assistant Rector, then Priest-In-Charge until most recently when he was elected Rector. Fr. Eric is a 1988 graduate of East Tennessee State University, where he earned a Bachelor of Business Administration (B.B.A.) degree. He is also a 2010 graduate of The University of the South, Sewanee School of Theology, where he earned a Master of Divinity degree (M.Div.), and served as President of the St. Luke's Community. Fr. Eric actively serves in the Diocese of Southwest Florida as a member of Diocesan Council, as a member of the DHP/LP Task Force, and as a Facilitator for the new clergy "Fresh Start" program.

Fr. Eric and Terri have a daughter Erica who is a junior at the University of Tennessee and two miniature dachshunds (Duchess and Duke). Fr. Eric's hobbies include aviation (he is a Commercial Pilot and Certified Flight Instructor), guitar, fishing, and golf. Checkout Fr. Eric's blog: <http://fragilecontainers.blogspot.com>