



The Very Reverend Canon Dr. John Crean was ordained in 1974 by Bishop Edwin Lani Hanchett in St. Andrew Cathedral, Honolulu. Born in New York City, John grew up in Westchester and Connecticut. He graduated from two Jesuit institutions, Fairfield Prep and Holy Cross College, studying German, philosophy, and theology before going on to receive his M.A. and Ph.D at Yale. After teaching there, he went on to the University of Wisconsin, the University of Hawaii, and finally Grand Valley State University in Michigan.

After ordination, John continued bi-vocationally as priest and professor in Hawaii, serving as associate rector, rector, campus ministry program director, diocesan spiritual director, and regional dean. In 1980, the bishop asked him to direct a program for spiritual formation for aspiring deacons.

In 1996, John and his wife Charleen, a social worker and deacon, moved to Grand Rapids, MI. There, John served as rector, chair of clergy spiritual formation, and again as regional dean. The bishop appointed Charleen to three successive parishes as well as to several other diocesan posts.

Since 1980, John has published on the Rule of Saint Benedict. Since 1995, he coedited and served on the board of *Magistra, a Journal of Women's Spirituality in History*. In 2020, he published *Recovering Benedict: Twelve Step Living and the Rule of Benedict*, and in 2023, *Week by Week through the Seasons of Life*. He continues to write devotional literature. Since their 2010 move to Pasadena, John has as interim rector in six parishes, while Charleen was served on the Los Angeles diocesan staff as well as Archdeacon. Retiring to La Quinta in 2020, the happy couple continues to serve St Margaret's as licensed clergy in the Diocese of San Diego.