

## Clergy Questionnaire

1. How long have you been in the clergy? How long at St. Thomas?

I have been ordained since 2010. I have been at St. Thomas since the spring of 2013.

2. Why did you become a member of the clergy?

There is so much to this answer! But I'll try to keep it short and to the point. I love God. I love people. I wanted to spend my life loving both God and people. I wanted to spend my life learning and teaching about all things God. I'm super lucky that I get to be a priest and share God's love with people. I'm super lucky that I get to share God's love with all the students here at St. Thomas!!!

3. As a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?

I wanted to be a writer. I wanted to write novels and children's books.

4. Tell us about your family.

I am married to my best friend Jeremy. We have two sons Ben and Patrick. Ben is a freshman at UT in Austin and Patrick is a junior at the North East School of the Arts. I love my guys. They keep me laughing at their silliness and they make me feel so much love and joy!

5. Do you have any pets?

I have two dogs and two cats. Our cats are Suzy-Q and Dita. Our dogs are Bella and Emmitt. Bella and Emmitt are buddies and they love to play together. Suzy-Q and Dita don't like the dogs at all. They hide as much as possible and hiss and growl at the dogs if they come near. I talk to them a lot about loving each other but they haven't been listening!

6. Tell us about your hobbies.

I love-love-love to read, write devotionals, and create paintings, pictures and collages.

7. Do you have any hidden talents?

I'm not sure about any hidden talents. I love to bake but I don't do it very often. I guess that is hiding it well! My husband says I am talented at shoe distribution. What he is really saying is that I leave my shoes all over the house and I'm very good at it!!!

8. Name one thing that not many people know about you.

I was born in Ankara, Turkey. My dad was in the Air Force and we moved around a lot.

9. What is the craziest thing you have ever done?

I don't really do crazy things. Having all those animals is kind of crazy!

10. If you could change places with a Bible character, who would you choose? Why?

I would change places with Esther. She was chosen to be the queen of King Ahasuerus. Esther was smart and brave. She helped her people even though it meant that she might die. She chose the good of people over her own good. I like that! I think it would be so cool to be so brave and smart and to care so much about other people!

11. What is your favorite book of the Bible? Why?

I'm really bad about favorite books of the Bible. I love them all! Whichever book I'm reading at that time becomes my favorite. I love all the stories in the Bible. I love how God speaks to us through all the different books and shares holy wisdom.

12. If you could perform miracles, what would you do?

I would totally make animals talk. It would be so cool to come home and hear about the dreams my lazy dogs had while they were sleeping.

Or how my cats would tell me that they really do love the dogs they just don't appreciate when they get close and slobber all over them. I have very slobbery and messy dogs!

13. When you think about God - what is the first thing that comes to mind?

Love. Definitely Love. But not just the feel good kind of love but the kind of love that cares about you enough to say the hard things. The kind of love that forgives you when you make a really big mistake. The kind of love that makes you want to help others even though you don't feel like it. The kind of love that fills you up with joy and hope.

14. What do you think delights God above anything else?

It is so hard to choose just one thing! One of the things that delights God is when we give God thanks and praise. In chapel, when we are singing our songs, and sharing our answers to questions, I think God is smiling. God is so excited when groups of us get together to learn how to love each other and God! When we give God thanks for all the wonderful things in our life like food, family, friends, and pets, God smiles with joy too. I think God smiles because we are noticing the gifts and goodness God brings to us.

