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I came out of the delivery room at the Miners’ Hospital in Raton, New Mexico and into the font at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. Life in the Church reveals the rhythms of God’s grace and guidance for me. The youngest of four daughters, I attended public schools in Albuquerque. Enjoying athletics, I competed in gymnastics, track, and cross country. My life in Christ and my leadership gifts were nurtured, while a youth, in camping ministry, the Happening movement, and parish committees, including one that resettled a refugee family. On receiving my B.A. at Sewanee, I returned to Albuquerque to gain employment experience required before seeking ordination. At Sewanee, I met Tim Ryan, and we married in 1989. We have two children, Ned, 22, and Eleanor, 16. After an MDiv at Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, I spent 20 years in parish ministry, including 14 years as rector of Ascension, Dallas. There I learned from brothers and sisters of other cultures how to lead a multi-ethnic community. Since 2014, I have served as Canon to the Ordinary of the Diocese of Texas, leading the ministry staff in its work to implement the diocesan vision.