



**SAINT JOHN'S
CATHEDRAL**
EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF FLORIDA

+Preserve and Proclaim+
Honoring The Right Reverend Frank Cerveny

Born and raised in Massachusetts, Frank Cerveny graduated from Trinity College in 1955 and earned a Master of Divinity from General Theological Seminary in 1958. He has been awarded four honorary doctorate degrees. The Rev. Cerveny was ordained a priest in Miami, FL at the Church of the Resurrection in 1958. He served in three other parishes: on staff at Trinity Church in NYC; rector of St. Luke's, Jackson, TN and St. John's, Knoxville, TN before being called as Dean to St. John's Cathedral in 1972.

When the Cerveny family arrived in Jacksonville, the children were ages 3, 6 and 8, and our new Dean was just 39 years old. He, Emmy and the children immediately endeared themselves to the congregation. Dean Cerveny inspired us with his dynamic preaching, instilled in us a desire to serve God both within the Cathedral and throughout the broader community. A man of great vision and influence, he brought other outstanding Christian leaders to our Cathedral pulpit.

Dean Cerveny's preaching and leadership gifts did not go un-noticed, for within two years he was elected the Sixth Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Florida and served in that capacity for 18 years.

A few highlights were the relocating and building of a new Diocesan Camp and Conference Center in Live Oak; bringing life and vitality within the Diocese by forging strong relationships through the various Renewal movements, e.g., Cursillo, Happening, Vocare, Kairos; and bringing Christian Healing Ministries' founders, Drs. Francis and Judith MacNutt to Jacksonville in 1981 where the Cathedral provided them their first office space on the third floor. In addition, Bishop Cerveny served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Episcopal School of Jacksonville and led the efforts to make the school financially sound.

After his many years of serving the Diocese of Florida, in 1992, Bishop Cerveny answered the call to Manhattan where he served as Executive Vice President for the Church Pension Fund for five years. Bishop Cerveny and Emmy returned to Jacksonville in 1997 and have continued to worship in their beloved St. John's Cathedral, blessing us all with their presence, love and support.

Through **Preserve and Proclaim Honoring The Right Reverend Frank Cerveny**, we seek to build strong funding that will allow St. John's to invite profound and prophetic speakers to come to this preserved and sacred space, such that all may inspired and convicted, to go forth and boldly witness to the world in Christ's name. Donations to the Cerveny Speakers can be through our website, jaxcathedral.org. Choose Preserve and Proclaim in the Select a Fund pull-down menu.