

The Reverend Canon Ryan A. Boyce



The Barbados Consulate of New York Independence Honors 2023: The Reverend Canon Ryan A. Boyce - Consul General's Award for Religion and Community Outreach Service.

The Reverend Canon Ryan Antonio Boyce was born in Barbados where he attended the Alleyne Secondary/High School and The University of the West Indies. Canon Boyce holds undergraduate degrees in Law, Political Science, and Theology. Additionally, he has completed certification in *Canon (Church) Law, Chaplaincy* from the International Fellowship of Chaplains Inc. and *Police Chaplaincy* from the Police Chaplaincy Program Institute. (Both from the United States of America) He is currently completing a Master of Science Degree in Forensic and Counseling Psychology.

After Seminary, he spent over a year in the Diocese of the North Eastern Caribbean in the Archdeaconsy of St. Kitts. In Barbados, he served as Curate of St. Leonard's Anglican Church and Christ Church Parish Church. He was then Priest-in-Charge of St Catherine's Anglican Church where he successfully oversaw its complete extension and rededication of the building.

Migrating to the United States, He served as a Priest-in-Charge of the St. Augustine's Episcopal Church in Atlantic City where he was deeply involved in community advocacy, rededication of the organ, new roof installation, and institution of the 180 Youth and Community Advocacy Group, and lastly of the drafting and successful registering of the Church's compliant bylaws in Atlantic City's County office, New Jersey. He recently served the St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church, in Hollis Queens, where he worked to establish and empower a vibrant Youth Ministry, Episcopal Church Women group, Brotherhood of St. Andrew, partnership with the Community First Responders and supported the Battered women shelter. Here he also undertook the changing of the roofs, the Church's pipe organ and many other infrastructural, technological, community and community outreach projects in New York.

Apart from his pastoral duties, Canon Boyce was a government appointee serving on the Board of Directors for the Barbados National Housing Corporation, with chairmanship of the Human Resources and the Legal and Policy subcommittees. He was also a Director of the Barbados Child Care Board (Children's Services) and had special oversight of delinquency within the children's homes. He was the Chaplain of the Barbados Boys and Girls Industrial School (Juvenile Delinquency Incarceration) before relocation to the United States of America.

In the USA, he has served as a Police Chaplain for the New Jersey State Police, the Pleasantville Police and Fire Department, and Community Probation Supervisor for Pleasantville Court, and Atlantic County Court Probation Departments. He also served as Chaplain to the New Jersey Department of Justice Juvenile Correctional Facilities and New Jersey's First responder and emergency Chaplain. Canon Boyce has also been a Diocesan Appointee on the Prison Ministry Committee and the Cathedral Chapter in the Diocese of New Jersey. He served distinctively as Co-Chair of the Black Clergy Caucus of the Diocese of New Jersey.

Reverend Canon Boyce has been a Guest lecturer of Major Religions at Stockton University, New Jersey, and in Ethics at the Rutgers University Social Workers undergraduate programs. Additionally, he served as a Counsellor and committee Board member of the Star of the Seas Regional Catholic School of New Jersey.

Apart from being a Prison Chaplain's trainer, Reverend Boyce is also a Community Council Clergy Liaison for the 103 Precinct and sits on the Commander's Advisory Council for the New York Police Department.

Indisputably, The Reverend Canon Ryan A. Boyce is an advocate of youth development and preservation. His work within many schools and with many juvenile delinquency centers is evident that even politicians and education officials, wherever he worked, have appointed him as Chaplain, Advocate, Director, and Advisor on many Boards and Facilities responsible for the well-being of both wards of the government and delinquents.

Canon Boyce spends some of his spare time on the Church Organ. He is also an ardent reader and studying the languages and literature of Latin and Greek.