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The Rev. Dr. Norman E. "Chips" Koehler III

Class of 1956

The Rev. Dr. Norman Koehler is priest emeritus at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Oakmont, Pa., and a volunteer in pastoral care at Presbyterian Senior Care.

He entered active service in the U.S. Navy in 1956 following two years in reserve. He became a naval aviator in 1958 and retired as a captain. He served in Vietnam. Other military assignments included assistant Naval attaché to Greece, Commanding Officer, Patrol Squadron Ten, director of special operations in the Atlantic Command; executive assistant to secretary of the Navy; and commanding officer at the Naval Air Station in Brunswick, Maine. He has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, the Vietnam Medal of Valor and three awards of the Legion of Merit.

Following retirement from the Navy, Koehler worked as a senior research scientist for Lockheed Corp., as well as a director of development at Northwestern University, Carnegie Mellon University and the University of Pittsburgh. He was founding president of the Pittsburgh Episcopal Foundation and served as an adjunct professor of business at the University of Southern New Hampshire and at Butler County Community College.

After earning his degree in theology, Koehler was ordained a deacon in 2002 and a priest in 2006.

Additional degrees: M.S., University of Southern California; Ph.D., University of Pittsburgh; M.A., Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

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