

# Mark Sisk

**Mark Sean Sisk** (born in Takoma Park, Maryland, August 18, 1942)<sup>[1]</sup> was the 15th Episcopal Bishop of New York. He retired on February 2, 2013, when he was succeeded by the 16th Bishop, Andrew M.L. Dietsche.

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## Early education, career, and marriage

Sisk received his B.S. in Economics from The University of Maryland in 1964.<sup>[2]</sup> He had a call to ministry, and went to The General Theological Seminary in New York City, where he earned his M.Div. in 1967.<sup>[2]</sup> He later got honorary doctorates from General Theological Seminary, Honorary Doctor of Divinity, in 1984, and Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, in 1998.<sup>[2]</sup>

He is married to the former Karen Womack Calvert.<sup>[2]</sup> They have three children and three grandchildren.<sup>[2]</sup>

Sisk was a curate for three years at Christ Episcopal Church, in New Brunswick, New Jersey, and a priest for three more years at Christ Episcopal Church in Bronxville, New York.<sup>[2]</sup> He was then rector of St. John's Episcopal Church in Kingston, New York from 1973-1977.<sup>[2]</sup> From 1977 through 1984, he was the Archdeacon of three suburban counties,<sup>[3]</sup> under the 13th Bishop of New York, Paul Moore.<sup>[2]</sup> As part of his duties, he started a Japanese congregation, now in Scarsdale, and a Latino congregation in Yonkers.<sup>[2]</sup>

From 1984 to 1998, Sisk was President and Dean of Seabury-Western Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois.<sup>[2]</sup><sup>[4]</sup>

## Bishop of New York

The Right Reverend	
Mark Sisk	
D.D.	
<i>15th Bishop of New York</i>	
<b>Church</b>	<u>Episcopal Church</u>
<b>Diocese</b>	<u>New York</u>
<b>Elected</b>	1998
<b>In office</b>	2001-2013
<b>Predecessor</b>	<u>Richard F. Grein</u>
<b>Successor</b>	<u>Andrew M. L. Dietsche</u>
Orders	
<b>Consecration</b>	April 25, 1998 by <u>Frank Griswold</u>
Personal details	
<b>Born</b>	August 18, 1942 <u>Takoma Park, Maryland, United States</u>
<b>Nationality</b>	<u>American</u>
<b>Denomination</b>	<u>Anglican</u>
<b>Parents</b>	<u>Robert James Sisk</u> and <u>Alma Irene Davis</u>
<b>Spouse</b>	<u>Karen Womack Calvert</u> ( <i>m. Aug. 31, 1963</i> )
<b>Children</b>	3
<b>Previous post</b>	<u>Coadjutor Bishop of New York</u> (1998-2001)

Sisk was elected and consecrated Bishop Coadjutor of the Episcopal Diocese of New York in 1998.<sup>[2][4]</sup> He was installed as the Bishop of New York at a ceremony on September 29, 2001, at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine.<sup>[2]</sup>

Sisk is actively involved in preaching to churches in his diocese,<sup>[5][6][7][8]</sup> as well as the cathedral.<sup>[9]</sup> He raises millions of dollars for Episcopal charities.<sup>[10][11]</sup> Sisk is also involved in ecumenism with the Roman Catholic Church.<sup>[4]</sup>

## Criticism

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Sisk has engendered some criticism from the press for some of his actions as bishop, in particular the firing of a radical priest.<sup>[12][13]</sup> He also got involved in the controversy over Bishop Moore's bisexuality.<sup>[14]</sup>

## Public comments

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As a leader in the church, Sisk is often asked to comment on public issues. He has a regular column in *Newsweek* and the *Washington Post*.<sup>[15]</sup> The *New York Times* often interviews him on social and religious topics.<sup>[16]</sup> He takes stances on a variety of issues.<sup>[17][18]</sup> He has written many letters that have been collected by the Anglican Communion.<sup>[19]</sup>

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<b>Episcopal Church (USA) titles</b>		
Preceded by <b>Richard F. Grein</b>	<b>15th Bishop of New York</b> 2001 to present	Succeeded by <b>current</b>

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