



**COL (Ret) Howell Crawford Sasser Sr., KStJ**, is a retired priest of the Church of England. During his years in the Diocese of Gibraltar in Europe of the Church of England, he served congregations in Athens, Greece, Montreux, Switzerland and Porto, Portugal. Prior to that he had ministered in the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf, and in Somalia, where he was licensed by the Anglican Bishop of Egypt.

From 1998 until 2005, Father Sasser represented the Diocese in Europe in the General Synod of the Church of England. As Archdeacon of Gibraltar until 2005, he exercised pastoral oversight of twenty-seven Anglican congregations in Spain, Portugal, Andorra and Morocco. Upon his retirement from the Church of England in the summer of 2005, he was appointed temporary Chaplain to the Bishop of Gibraltar in Europe and Canon of Holy Trinity Cathedral, Gibraltar.

Father Sasser was invested as a member the Order of St John in 2004. He was elected to serve as a member of Chapter of the U.S. Priory in 2008 and was appointed the Priory's Historiographer, a position he held until 2015. Despite his attempts to retire, he continues his service as the Priory's official Protocol Advisor.

Prior to his full-time ministry, Father Sasser served in the U.S. Army, with postings as Defense Attaché in U.S. embassies in Somalia and Cyprus, before retiring in the grade of Colonel (Military Intelligence). He holds BA and MA degrees in History and is Master of Theology, Oxford University, England. Father Sasser and his wife, Elaine, have two grown children and reside in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, USA.