Clifton Daniel III resigns from Cathedral of St. John the Divine

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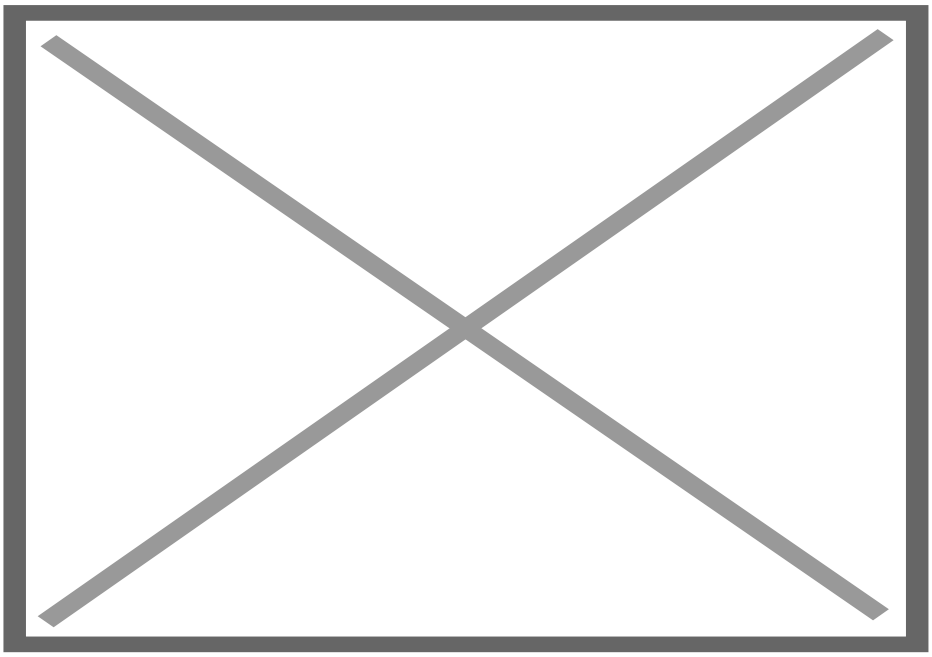

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Clifton Daniel III, dean of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City, has announced his resignation, effective June 30, after five years of leadership.

According to his resignation letter, Daniel's appointment was always intended to be time-limited. Daniel was named dean of the cathedral in 2018 after serving as the interim dean for more than a year.

As dean, Daniel helped the cathedral recover from a 2019 fire that damaged the art storage room in the cathedral's basement crypt. He also supported the creation of a new intentional community intended to reach young Christians.

In a letter to the cathedral board, Daniels wrote that serving as dean of St. John the Divine has been a "signal honor" of his ministry.

"Over these years, each of you has had an impact on my life and leadership. I will carry these bonds of friendship in the days ahead and hold you in my prayers always."