

🍷 Barbie ordained to the priesthood

Toymaker Mattel™ would not comment today on reports that Barbie™ has left the toy and fashion world to enter the Episcopal priesthood.

News from Boston [broke earlier this week](#) that the Rev'd Barbara Hightower Smythe of the Diocese of Atlanta, for years known simply as "Barbie", appears to have received a Masters of Divinity degree from the [Episcopal Divinity School](#) in Cambridge, MA, and after having done an internship at famed Trinity Church, Copley Square, is now serving in an Episcopal parish somewhere in the northeastern US. The Rev. Dr. Katherine Ragsdale, dean and president of EDS confirms that Hightower Smythe graduated *magna cum laude*.

Unitarian Universalist minister, fashion maven and part-time paparazzi Peace Bang, who writes [Beauty Tips for Ministers](#), discovered Hightower Smythe and broke the news.



Photographs of the famed 11 inch tall doll clearly show her wearing the professional garb of Episcopal ministry.

Observers speculate it will be hard for Hightower Smythe to put aside the frivolities of her fashion

years for the serious work of ministry, as her "Friends of Episcopal Priest Barbie" fan page now on [Facebook](#) demonstrates.

The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Keaton, of Chatham, New Jersey, on seeing the pictures of Mo. Barbi, [said](#), "There's something about a woman in a long black dress and a biretta that just screams the question, 'And this is traditional clergymen's clothing?'"

While refusing to comment on individual seminarians or ordinands during a recent news conference, Episcopal Church Director of Communications Neva Rae Fox appeared visibly relieved that a celebrity managed to enter holy orders in the Episcopal Church without first having a public scandal.

Barbie has not returned requests for comment at press time.