



The Episcopal Diocese of Springfield

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To: The Clergy and Congregations of the Diocese
From: The President of the Standing Committee
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On behalf of the Standing Committee, I want to communicate a few matters mostly concerning the Nominating Synod and invite you to share them with your congregations, particularly your Lay Synod Delegates.

MATTERS CONCERNING THE NOMINATING SYNOD

1. The Nominating Synod

All Clerical and Lay Delegates should have received the information concerning the Nominating Synod to be held on Saturday, August 7, 2010 in the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Springfield, Illinois. **Please remember that registration forms are to be returned to the Diocesan Center on or before Thursday, July 15, 2010.**

2. Synod Notebook

The Synod Notebook, which consists of information on the fourteen Nominees for the office of Bishop of Springfield, is presently being circulated. The Notebook is a guide for the clerical and lay delegates of the Diocese of Springfield to become familiar with the Nominees.

Members of the Election Committee will be responsible for the distribution of the Notebook and a set of nine DVDs to all clergy and lay delegates who are eligible to vote at the Nominating Synod. Delegates may have to collect their Notebook and DVDs from their respective churches when they arrive. Please ensure that Delegates receive their materials as expeditiously as possible. The Standing Committee will be sending a follow-up email to Delegates in the next few days to confirm that they have received the information.

3. Day of Prayer and Discernment

The Standing Committee has declared a Day of Prayer and Discernment on the eve of the Nominating Synod, Friday, August 6, 2010, being the Feast of the Transfiguration. This is a kind reminder to encourage your congregational family to spend some time during the day to pray particularly for the Nominees and the Nominating Synod. Clergy may also hold appropriate services on that day in your churches.

4. Walkabouts (Nominees' Visit to the Diocese)

A "Walkabout" is the visit of the final list of Nominees for bishop to the electing Diocese. It's a time of prayer and discernment for both the people of the Diocese and for the Nominees and their spouses. The walkabouts for the Diocese of Springfield will take place between Tuesday, August 31 and Thursday, September 2, 2010.

More information concerning the schedule and format of the Walk-about will be available very shortly.

5. The Electing Synod

The Election of the Eleventh Bishop of Springfield will be held on Saturday, September 18, 2010, being the Feast of Edward Pusey, Priest, in the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Springfield, Illinois. The day preceding the Election (Friday, September 17) will be a Day of Prayer in the Diocese for the Episcopal Election. Information concerning the Electing Synod will be forwarded to all Clerical and Lay Delegates in the imminent future.

6. Information on the Diocesan Web Site

Please make use of the Diocesan web site for updates on the Nominating Synod and the Episcopal Election process. Information on the Nominees may be viewed at:

http://episcopalspringfield.org/Nominees_NominatingSynod.html

For more information, please go to: <http://episcopalspringfield.org/bishopsearch.html> and click on the Transition Documents link.

OTHER MATTERS

1. Celebration of New Ministry

The Celebration of New Ministry for The Rev. Dale D. Coleman as Rector of St. George's Episcopal Church will take place on Sunday, July 25, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. in St. George's Episcopal Church, 105 D Street, Belleville, Illinois. The Right Reverend Peter H. Beckwith, Retired Bishop of Springfield will preside. Your prayers and presence are requested. Clergy who are planning to vest are asked to wear white stoles.

2. **Cursillo Ultreya**

An Ultreya will be held on Saturday, July 10, 2010 at 2:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of St. George's Church, Belleville, Illinois. Please view information on the Ultreya at:

http://episcopalspringfield.org/documents/Ultreya_10July.pdf