



# The Episcopal Diocese of Springfield

## Standing Committee

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### STANDING COMMITTEE'S ANNOUNCEMENT – ELECTION SEARCH STATUS

In light of Bishop Beckwith's announcement on Friday, November 20, 2009 to retire effective February 1, 2010, the status of the election search process changes from *Bishop Coadjutor* to *Bishop Diocesan* or simply *Bishop*. The Diocese will therefore be electing its eleventh bishop.

Changes have been made to the Timeline for the Election Process to reflect this as follows:

#### Year 2009

**October 23 (St. James of Jerusalem):** Announcement of the Election Committee Chair and outline of general process at the Synod (**Completed**)

**November 29 (First Sunday of Advent):** Election Committee formed (**Completed**)

#### Year 2010

**January 18 (Confession of St. Peter):** Budget developed for approval at February 2010 Diocesan Council meeting

**February 17, 2010 (Ash Wednesday):** The Election Committee completes the Survey, Diocesan Profile, Nomination Guidelines and Forms and sends Nomination Guidelines and Forms to interested Candidates.

**April 4, 2010 (Easter Day):** Deadline for receiving Nominations for Episcopate Election. Election Committee contacts Candidates and mails Questionnaires to them.

**May 13, 2010 (Ascension Day):** Deadline for Candidates to respond to Questionnaires.

**June 29, 2010 (Sts. Peter and Paul):** Initial Screening (Background Checks) of Candidates. Election Committee completes compilation of Booklet of Candidates and sends to Nominating Synod delegates and churches in the diocese.

**August 6-7, 2010 (Transfiguration):** The Nominating Synod (comprising of Synod delegates elected at the Annual Meetings in January 2010) convenes to nominate the final list of Candidates

for Bishop. The number of the final slate of Candidates will be determined by the Standing Committee prior to the Nominating Synod.

**August 31 – September 2, 2010:** Candidates will visit the diocese (Walk-about) to meet its members and for the diocesan family to ask questions of the Candidates.

**September 17-18, 2010:** The Electing Synod (the same delegates at the Nominating Synod) convenes to elect the Eleventh Bishop of Springfield.

**Year 2011**

**January 18 (*Confession of St. Peter*):** Consent Process ends

**February/March:** Consecration of the Eleventh Bishop of Springfield (Date to be determined in consultation with the Presiding Bishop's Office)