



The Episcopal Diocese of Springfield

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COMMUNIQUÉ

To: The Clergy of the Diocese
From: The President of the Standing Committee
Subject: Matters of Information
Date: March 6, 2010

I want to share with four (4) matters of information.

1. Nominator Packet:

The Nominator Packet containing information relating to the process by which clergy can be nominated for the election of the next Bishop of Springfield was placed on the diocesan web site this afternoon. The packet gives details as to who can nominate and be nominated, the way in which nominations are made and nominees are selected.

The packet also contains the nomination form which is to be filled out by a clergy and a lay nominator for each nominee. The deadline for receiving nominations is **Monday, April 12, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. (CST) at the Diocesan Center, Springfield, IL. No nominations will be accepted after this deadline.** We would appreciate your sharing this information with the members of your congregation in a timely manner. The nominator packet is also attached with this communiqué.

2. Liturgy of Collegiality:

The Liturgy of Collegiality (Chrim Mass) will take place on Holy Tuesday, March 30, 2010, at 11:00 a.m. in the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Springfield. The Right Reverend Donald J. Parsons, Assisting Bishop of Springfield, will preside at the liturgy. The service will include the renewal of ordination vows and the blessing of holy oils. Please bring receptacles for fermentum and oils. A luncheon will follow immediately following the Eucharist. Please make your luncheon reservations with Ms. Sue Spring, our Diocesan Administrator, on or before March 22, 2010.

3. Pausing for Prayer:

Pausing for Prayer will be held next Saturday, March 13, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Springfield. The theme this year is "*Knowing and Doing the Will of God.*" Snacks and lunch will be served. Everyone is invited.

4. Sacrament of Holy Confirmation:

The Standing Committee would appreciate it if you are planning on presenting candidates for Holy Confirmation this year to let us know of the date and time of the service as soon as possible so as to provide an Episcopal presence in a timely manner. As usual, you will need to send to the Diocesan Administrator the necessary documentation prior to the Confirmation Service.

May you and your churches continue to have a blessed and holy Lent!