



The Episcopal Diocese of Springfield

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To: The Clergy and Congregations of the Diocese
From: The President of the Standing Committee
Subject: Matters of Information
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On behalf of the Standing Committee, I want to communicate some matters of information with you and invite you to share them with your congregations.

1. Diocesan Profile:

The Diocesan Profile was placed on the diocesan web site yesterday morning (March 25). It contains a wealth of valuable information and photos depicting the life of the Diocese. I hope that you and the members of your churches will read the Profile and also thank the members of the Election Committee for the fine work they have done in producing this document.

The Profile can be viewed at: http://episcopalspringfield.org/documents/Diocesan_Profile_000.pdf
or accessed at: <http://episcopalspringfield.org/bishopsearch.html>

2. Survey Results:

The results of the survey have been posted to the diocesan web site. The results represent the views of nearly 850 members of the diocesan family. The participation in the survey was tremendous, particularly since our average Sunday attendance is just over 2,000. We want to express our thanks and appreciation to all persons who took the time to respond to the survey. The results can be accessed at: <http://episcopalspringfield.org/bishopsearch.html> or viewed at: <http://episcopalspringfield.org/documents/SurveyResults.pdf> The results are also included in the Diocesan Profile.

3. Nominator Packet:

Please remember that the Nominator Packet containing information relating to the nomination of clergy for the election of the next Bishop of Springfield is available on the diocesan web site at: <http://episcopalspringfield.org/bishopsearch.html> or

http://episcopalspringfield.org/documents/NominatorPacket_Final_001.pdf

The deadline for receiving nominations is **Monday, April 12, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. (CDT) at the Diocesan Center, Springfield, IL. No nominations will be accepted after this deadline and there will be no nominations from the floor.**

4. Liturgy of Collegiality:

The Liturgy of Collegiality will take place next 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 be held immediately following the Eucharist.

5. Appointment:

The Standing Committee has appointed The Reverend G. William Howard as Assisting Deacon of the Eastern Deanery effective April 1, 2010, under the supervision of the Dean of the Eastern Deanery. Deacon Howard will primarily serve at St. John's Church, Albion, but may also be deployed, as needed, to other places within the Deanery as may be determined by Father Tucker. We thank Deacon Howard for the nearly six years he served in the Hale Deanery Team Ministry and wish him and his family well as he undertakes this new ministry.

6. Workshop:

The Department of Evangelism and Spiritual Enrichment presents a workshop entitled **The Uniqueness of Jesus Christ in a Multi-Faith and Multi-Cultural World – “*Christian Witness to Muslims.*”** The workshop will be held on Saturday, April 24, 2010 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Diocesan Center in Springfield, IL. The cost of the program is \$15 per person, \$25 per couple or \$30 for 3 members from a Parish/Mission. This will cover snacks, lunch and materials. The registration form can be accessed from the Home page of the diocesan web site or at:

http://episcopalspringfield.org/workshop_multifaith.html Do invite your congregations to attend.

The members of the Standing Committee join me in extending to you and your churches a blessed Holy Week and a joyous Eastertide!

Every Blessing!