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To All Parishes and Missions of the Diocese of Springfield, Illinois,

The Election Committee, which is facilitating the process for electing the next Bishop of Springfield, is requesting your participation in a survey that will be used to understand the desires of diocesan members regarding characteristics they find important in candidates for a new Bishop.

The survey is short and in two sections. The purpose of the first section is to gather demographic information. The purpose of the second section is to garner personal beliefs on four topical issues: Theological and Philosophical Ideals, Working Style and Personality Qualities, Social-Sexual Opinions, and Administration Skills.

The Feast of the Presentation, February 2, 2010, is the due date for survey completion. The Election Committee suggests that the document be presented at each church's Annual Meeting or by any means possible to attain the maximum number of responses. Completed surveys could be mailed back to the diocese either individually or collectively as a church. Mail to The Episcopal Diocese of Springfield, Attn: Bishop Survey, 821 S. 2nd St., Springfield, IL 62704. Results will be compiled by February 13.

The survey can be completed by using a traditional write-in sheet or electronically. Forms can be obtained through downloading and copying the electronic one. The electronic form is on the Springfield Diocesan web site: www.episcopalspringfield.org. (Go to the "Bishop Search" link in the lower left hand corner and scroll down to "Survey"). Completed surveys can be also emailed to bishopsearch@episcopalspringfield.org.

Please take this opportunity to inform the Diocese of your opinions. Thank you very much for sharing your thoughts and views.

Yours truly,

The Election Committee of the Diocese of Springfield