

June 11, 2020

Dear Parishioners of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh,

We want to first let you know that we are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers during this very difficult and unchartered time period. We know that all of you are anxious to get back to "normal". We do not know what that will look like in the days ahead, but we must be faithful in putting our trust in Christ and seeking His wisdom in all that we decide to do.

The Nominating Committee is responsible for presenting a slate of candidates for the IXth Bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. To begin that task, we are asking you to complete a brief survey. We value the voice of all our parishioners in our congregations in the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh. We value your ideas, reflections and comments as a parishioner. Your feedback will directly impact the information being provided to our potential candidates who will consider becoming our next Bishop.

Please prayerfully complete the survey. Please pay close attention to the following:

- You can access the survey on June 21, 2020 on the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh website at www.episcopalpgh.org/nominating-survey or by going directly to the Nominating Committee website at www.PittsburghBishopSearch.com, which is currently under construction and will be launching soon.
- The survey needs to be returned **no later than July 6, 2020.**
- If you do not have access to the online survey, contact your parish office and they will provide you with a paper copy of the survey along with a self-addressed stamped envelope.
- Please feel free to have each member of your household fill out a survey online or feel free to print out copies for others in your household.

This is your time to give input, please don't let this opportunity pass by! Your involvement in this survey is essential to the Nominating Committee and the upcoming Bishop Candidate selection.

If you have any further questions, please contact Nancy Chalfant-Walker at search@episcopalpgh.org.

The committee will try to get all questions answered as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your cooperation in this very important task!

Yours in Christ,

The Nominating Committee search@episcopalpgh.org