



June 8, 2020

Dear Congregants:

As you may know, Father Eric and Terri will be leaving us after services on June 14. At that time, we will officially begin the search process to find the person God has selected to be our next rector. This time St. Monica's is in a much better pastoral and financial position (thank you all). Our bishop is taking a very active role in our transition process. He has given us the options of 1) An interim, 2) A Priest in Charge or 3) Just using supply priests.

Our parish is not in the need of the specific skills and training of an interim priest. However, we certainly want a full-time priest to administer and shepherd the parish while the Vestry is preparing to make a call. Based on our response, the bishop began the task of putting together a list of appropriate *Priest-in-Charge* candidates. We are awaiting his list.

In the meantime; Liturgical services and pastoral care will be done by Supply priests. The Vestry will have the responsibility for the day-to-day operation of the church. Once the Vestry discerns and agrees on a candidate; we will offer a letter of agreement for a six-month term which, if necessary, is renewable. We will then have a full-time priest acting and having all the power and responsibility of a rector.

The Vestry will begin the work on discerning our next rector in the upcoming weeks. We want you to help by participating in a parish survey. This will be your opportunity to let us know what the important ministries you support and qualities you are looking for in our next leader. I cannot emphasize how important it will be for all of us at St. Monica's to participate in this survey process. This is your chance to let the Vestry know how you feel about the church and its mission as we move forward.

After the survey we will form a search committee made up of Vestry and congregation members. We will entertain candidates' names, and from there, discern our next Rector.

Please remember this is an overview of the process, I can say from experience there will probably be some unforeseen issues. Please keep the Vestry in your prayers as we start on the road to calling our next Rector.

If you have questions or concerns, please reach out to me or any Vestry member. We will update the congregation frequently as circumstances dictate.

Be well, thanks,

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