

Calling Committee Report April 23, 2010

Good News! Your Search Team is once again in forward mode and eagerly anticipate candidate's telephone interviews, reference checks and visits to Cincinnati. The adjusted process, with the Bishop's vetting much sooner in the discernment, is helping immensely. The Reverend Anne Reed has recently joined the Diocesan team and brings with her a wealth of experience in clergy deployment. She is actively engaging in the search with us. We continue to ask for your prayers and patience as the Holy Spirit continues to direct us on the path to an exciting new priest for Ascension & Holy Trinity.

Maurice Bason, for the Calling Committee

Calling Committee Report March 18, 2010

Co-chairs Maurice Bason and Rich Gomez have reviewed in painstaking detail with the Bishop and Canon Johannsen the steps we go through in vetting candidates, and worked out a clear agreement which includes the Bishop's office getting involved in background checks significantly earlier in the process. We're keenly aware of the strain for the parish of this long period of suspense over when we will complete the task of finding a new rector. We earnestly ask your prayers as we continue to search for a candidate with the right gifts, experience, and spirit to help this congregation live into its wonderful potential.

Ariel Miller, for the Calling Committee

Calling Committee Report February 10, 2010

At the Annual meeting, we announced our enthusiasm for a candidate which, ultimately, was not shared by the Bishop. We have adjusted our process to engage the Bishop earlier to ensure any inconsistencies in our discernment are flushed out earlier in the process. We remain steadfast in our commitment to find the right person to share our faith journey as our next Rector. We are encouraged by the renewed strength and optimism on the team as we continue to move the process forward.

Lord, we know you hold us in your hands.
Open our ears, and warm our hearts
to heed your call to us. Amen.

Rich Gomez, for the Calling Committee