

Bishop's Minster Visitation Expectations

Dear Beloved Clergy:

Thank you for welcoming me for episcopal visitations in 2020-2021. I truly treasure my times with you, your faithful people and in the community contexts in which you bear Jesus' Way of Love.

As with last year's Walkabouts, it is my desire to spend a full day – 8 hours or so -- with each parish in the Minster. I will endeavor to stay overnight in or near the Minster Neighborhood. I find this kind of visit gives more leisure for me to meet and converse with lay people, and it also allows me to experience your context more fully.

In the next 13 months I will visit all 12 Minsters and all 44 parishes. We are recording where I spend Sundays each year and desire to rotate that in an equal fashion.

All Minster visitations will include a Sunday. My expectations are rather simple:

- **Worship** of some kind (with occasional exception) at each parish church. Usually, Eucharist is appropriate. Assume that I will celebrate and preach, but sometimes I also will enjoy sharing liturgical leadership with the parish priest. Other forms of worship are also quite appropriate – whatever fits and feeds your people. A Liturgical Customary is included.
- **Minster Team meeting.** An important part of my visit is to meet with the Minster Team for at least two hours within my days of visitation, to be scheduled by the Minster Shepherd at a time convenient to the members of the Minster Team.
- **Time to get to know Candidates** if there is to be Confirmation or Baptism. A brief rehearsal in the space is most hopeful, no matter what form of worship is to occur.
- **Time with Vestry** or other important parish or community leaders.
- **Private time with the clergy** and their family if desired. I will treat!

The rest is up to you!

Every blessing,
+Cathleen