

## **Second Report from the Search Committee**

**28 July, 2019**

The Committee is pleased to let you know we're very much on schedule as we move through our process of finding a new Dean. The phase of work we're in currently—Phase 2—is dominated by research we need in developing a Parish Profile and another document called the Office of Transitional Ministry Community Portfolio. Both guide us in our search and help prospective candidates get to know us. We'll also use this information to develop a profile of the prospective Dean to guide us in the evaluation process.

Your opinions about a number of matters will be an important part of the Profile. We're developing a comprehensive Parish Survey in order to get those opinions from you in the most usable form. To assure the best possible product, we've retained a professional to help us. We expect that Survey to be available in early September. Our plan is to make it available online for ease in scoring, but for those who don't feel comfortable with computers, we'll also provide a paper copy.

Once we have that information, we'll integrate it into the other research we've done and create the Parish Profile—an honest statement of our strengths, challenges, and hopes. Our target for that is mid-October to mid-November. As soon as it's finished and reviewed by the Vestry and Bishop, we'll send all of our material to the national Church Office of Transitional Ministry and be ready to begin receiving applications before year's end.

You'll also see a spot in Martyrs' Hall very soon which we'll use to let you share what questions you'd like us to ask in our interviews. We'll collect them and work them into the interviewing processes in appropriate ways.

Some of you have been suggesting names for us to consider. Feel free to do that. We do ask that you do it in writing. The best time to do that will be after we've officially started receiving applications, but you don't have to wait. We have a small file of names already.

As before, we urge you to pray for us, that the Holy Spirit will guide us in our work. And that the same Spirit will touch the heart of that priest we need. We pray daily about this; we invite you to do the same. Please support the parish with your presence and gifts in this transitional time.

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