

Petition Process for Tenth Bishop of Montana

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Montana announces that the Petition Process for the next Bishop of Montana will be open on Wednesday, May 1, 2019 (the day that the Slate of Candidates is announced) through Wednesday May 15, 2019. The Petition Process is the means by which a qualified person, not initially part of the slate, can be nominated for inclusion on the Slate of Candidates. The Petition Process replaced "nominations from the floor" about 20 years ago.

In order for a petition to be considered, each petition must be signed by at least five clergy and five lay persons. Each of the five petitioner clergy must be from separate congregations within the Diocese. Each of the five lay persons must be a confirmed adult communicant in good standing from different congregations within the Diocese. Each petition must be accompanied by all information required by the Standing Committee for initial consideration.

The completed Petition package must include:

- Cover letter
- Nomination Form(s) including consent
- Resume or Curriculum vitae
- Copy of current Office of Transition Ministry (OTM) portfolio (downloaded)
- Names and contact information (phone and e-mail) for all bishops under whom nominee has served
- Names and contact information (phone and e-mail) for references of those with whom nominee is serving (Wardens, clergy, staff, organist, Stewardship and other program chairs)
- Answers to the following questions used in the Search Process (Each answer should not exceed 500 words.):
 1. What calls you to be the Diocesan Bishop of Montana?
 2. Please tell us about your most formative ministerial experiences and your spiritual gifts that equip you to fulfill your vision of the ministry of the Episcopacy and the needs of our unique diocese.

3. Our Diocese is looking for a Bishop with an active spiritual life. Please describe your personal spirituality, prayer life, practice of self-care, and how you would model it for others.
4. How would you as Bishop provide leadership, guidance, and oversight to clergy, laity, and widespread congregations?

The completed Petition package must be sent by midnight on May 15, 2019 via e-mail in pdf format to the President of the Standing Committee, the Rev. Donna Gleaves at scpresident@diomontana.com.

DIOCESE OF MONTANA PETITION PROCESS
NOMINATION FORM
FOR BISHOP DIOCESAN

NOMINEE'S INFORMATION

Full Name:

Current Position:

Address:

Daytime phone:

Cell phone:

E-mail address:

I consent to nomination for consideration as the Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Montana.

_____ Date _____
Signature

NOMINATOR'S INFORMATION

Full Name:

Address:

Parish:

Daytime phone:

Cell phone:

E-mail address:

How long and in what capacity have you known this person? (Maximum 350 words) *You may attach a separate page for answers.*

**After reviewing the profile, please give a brief explanation of why you believe the nominee may have the gifts and calling to be the Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Montana.
(Maximum 500 words)**

Signature

Date

This Nomination is signed by:

1st Lay co-nominator

Parish: _____

Print Name: _____

2nd Lay co-nominator

Parish: _____

Print Name: _____

3rd Lay co-nominator

Parish: _____

Print Name: _____

4th Lay co-nominator

Parish: _____

Print Name: _____

5th Lay co-nominator

Parish: _____

Print Name: _____

1st Clergy co-nominator

Parish: _____

Print Name: _____

2nd Clergy co-nominator

Parish: _____

Print Name: _____

3rd Clergy co-nominator

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Print Name: _____

4th Clergy co-nominator

Parish: _____

Print Name: _____

5th Clergy co-nominator

Parish: _____

Print Name: _____