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**The Pilgrim Priest Ponders  
Licensed Lay Ministries**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I look to the end of October, and the end of my time with you as Priest-in-Charge of Saint Francis, I want to prepare you for the possible changes that may occur with new Clergy involvement at St. Francis, and, more importantly, for the election of our new Bishop at the end of September. As part of my obligation to do this, I am going to quote extensively from the Canons of the Episcopal Church, and from the Guidelines set up by our Bishop Provisional: Wayne Smith, for the exercise of licensed Lay Ministries in our Diocese.

The Lay Ministries of Usher, Altar Guild, Acolyte, Lector and Intercessor, do not require licensure. The ministries of Eucharistic Minister, Eucharistic Visitor, and lay Worship Leader do require licensure. If you have any questions about the trainings listed below for licensure, please contact me.

Your brother in Christ,  
David+

*From the Canons of the Episcopal Church (slightly abridged)*

**Title III Canon 4: Of Licensed Ministries**

**Sec. 1**

a. A confirmed communicant in good standing or, in extraordinary circumstances, subject to guidelines established by the Bishop, a communicant in good standing, may be licensed by the Ecclesiastical Authority to serve as Pastoral Leader, Worship Leader, Preacher, Eucharistic Minister, Eucharistic Visitor, Evangelist, or Catechist. Requirements and guidelines for the selection, training, continuing education, and deployment of such persons, and the duration of licenses shall be established by the Bishop in consultation with the Commission on Ministry.

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- Sec. 2**
- a. The Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight of the congregation or other community of faith may request the Ecclesiastical Authority with jurisdiction to license persons within that congregation or other community of faith to exercise such ministries. The license shall be issued for a period of time to be determined under Canon III.4.1.a and may be renewed. The license may be revoked by the Ecclesiastical Authority upon request of or upon notice to the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight of the congregation or other community of faith.
  - b. In renewing the license, the Ecclesiastical Authority shall consider the performance of the ministry by the person licensed, continuing education in the licensed area, and the endorsement of the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight of the congregation or other community of faith in which the person is serving.
  - c. A person licensed in any Diocese under the provisions of this Canon may serve in another congregation or other community of faith in the same or another Diocese only at the invitation of the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight, and with the consent of the Ecclesiastical Authority in whose jurisdiction the service will occur.

**Sec. 3.** A Pastoral Leader is a lay person authorized to exercise pastoral or administrative responsibility in a congregation under special circumstances, as defined by the Bishop.

**Sec. 4.** A Worship Leader is a lay person who regularly leads public worship under the direction of the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight of the congregation or other community of faith.

**Sec. 5.** A Preacher is a lay person authorized to preach. Persons so authorized shall only preach in congregations under the direction of the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight of the congregation or other community of faith.

**Sec. 6.** A Eucharistic Minister is a lay person authorized to administer the Consecrated Elements at a Celebration of Holy Eucharist. A Eucharistic Minister should normally act under the direction of a Deacon, if any, or otherwise, the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight of the congregation or other community of faith.

**Sec. 7.** A Eucharistic Visitor is a lay person authorized to take the Consecrated Elements in a timely manner following a Celebration of Holy Eucharist to members of the congregation who, by reason of illness or infirmity, were unable to be present at the Celebration. A Eucharistic Visitor should normally act under the direction of a Deacon, if any, or otherwise, the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight of the congregation or other community of faith.

**Sec. 8.** A Catechist is a lay person authorized to prepare persons for Baptism, Confirmation, Reception, and the Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows, and shall function under the direction of the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight of the congregation or other community of faith.

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**Sec. 9.** An Evangelist is a lay person who presents the good news of Jesus Christ in such a way that people are led to receive Christ as Savior and follow Christ as Lord in the fellowship of the Church. An Evangelist assists with the community's ministry of evangelism in partnership with the Presbyter or other leader exercising oversight of the congregation, or as directed by the Bishop.

*The requirements set forth by the Bishop Provisional of the Diocese of Southern Ohio are listed below:*

### **Licensed Lay Ministry**

Lay ministry comes in many forms, but some ministries require a license from the ecclesiastical authority in the diocese. **All licensed lay ministers in the Diocese of Southern Ohio are required to complete Safe Church and Dismantling Racism training.** All licensed lay ministers are encouraged to join the diocesan commitment to the four-fold path of Becoming Beloved Community: truth-telling, proclamation, formation, and justice.

### **Eucharistic Minister, Eucharistic Visitor, Worship Leader**

To receive a new or renewal license as a Eucharistic Minister, Eucharistic Visitor, and/or Worship Leader:

Complete Dismantling Racism training (in 2023, you may receive a license before completing this training, but it is expected that all licensed ministers will complete this training by Easter 2024).

Complete [Safe Church training](https://diosohio.org/safe-church-training/) at <https://diosohio.org/safe-church-training/>

- If applying for a new license, complete ministry training through congregational clergy, a licensed minister, diocesan trainers, an online course, or a combination of these.
- If applying for a renewal license, serve in the ministry over the course of three years. For worship leaders, lead worship at least three times over the course of three years.
- Use this [license application](#) to apply for or renew a Eucharistic Minister, Eucharistic Visitor or Worship leader license. Find it at <https://diosohio.wufoo.com/forms/zdbyygl1fqwpun/>

### **Preacher, Pastoral Leader, Evangelist, Catechist**

To receive a new or renewal license as a Preacher, Pastoral Leader, Evangelist, or Catechist contact [the Rev. Canon Jason Oden](mailto:j3oden@icloud.com) at [j3oden@icloud.com](mailto:j3oden@icloud.com) for more information.

### **Safe Church Certification**

It is the responsibility of all congregational clergy and leadership to safeguard children, youth, vulnerable adults, and employees from sexual harassment, exploitation, and abuse. [Safe Church training](#) helps clergy, staff, and volunteers understand the requisite policies and procedures to ensure the safety and wellbeing of everyone involved in ministry. Please visit the [Safe Church Training page](#) to learn about requirements and training opportunities.

### **Dismantling Racism Training**

Dismantling Racism training is a part of our [diocesan commitment to Becoming Beloved Community](#) and is required for all clergy, staff, lay leaders and volunteers, and contract workers. See upcoming [dismantling racism training series](#) at <https://diosohio.org/becoming-beloved-community/>

### **Alternative Training Information**

If you are not able to participate in a training session from the Diocese of Southern Ohio, you are invited to participate in a training through the [Absalom Jones Center for Racial Healing](https://www.centerforracialhealing.org/training) online at <https://www.centerforracialhealing.org/training> Once you complete this training, please forward your certificate to [Emma Helms-Steinmetz](mailto:ehelms-steinmetz@diosohio.org) at [ehelms-steinmetz@diosohio.org](mailto:ehelms-steinmetz@diosohio.org) to have this noted in our diocesan files.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>2</b> Salon Series 9:00 am  Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 am	<b>3</b> Jazzercise 9:15 am  Jazzercise 4:45 pm	<b>4</b> Independence Day	<b>5</b> Morning Prayer Service 9:00 am  Jazzercise 9:15 am  Bible Study 10:30 am  Jazzercise 4:45 pm	<b>6</b> Jazzercise 9:15 am  Alanon 7:30 pm	<b>7</b> Jazzercise 4:45 pm	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> Salon Series 9:00 am  Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 am	<b>10</b> Jazzercise 4:45 pm	<b>11</b> Boy Scouts 6:00 pm & 7:00 pm	<b>12</b> Morning Prayer Service 9:00 am  Bible Study 10:30 am  Jazzercise 4:45 pm	<b>13</b> Alanon 7:30 pm	<b>14</b> Jazzercise 4:45 pm	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> Salon Series 9:00 am  Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 am	<b>17</b> Jazzercise 9:15 am  Jazzercise 4:45 pm	<b>18</b> Jazzercise 9:15 am  Boy Scouts 6:00 pm & 7:00 pm	<b>19</b> Office Closed  Morning Prayer Service 9:00 am  Jazzercise 9:15 am  Bible Study 10:30 am  Jazzercise 4:45 pm	<b>20</b> Office Closed  Jazzercise 9:15 am  Alanon 7:30 pm	<b>21</b> Office Closed  Jazzercise 4:45 pm	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> Salon Series 9:00 am  Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 am	<b>24</b> Jazzercise 9:15 am  Jazzercise 4:45 pm	<b>25</b> Jazzercise 9:15 am  Boy Scouts 6:00 pm & 7:00 pm	<b>26</b> Morning Prayer Service 9:00 am  Jazzercise 9:15 am  Bible Study 10:30 am  Jazzercise 4:45 pm	<b>27</b> Jazzercise 9:15 am  Alanon 7:30 pm	<b>28</b> Jazzercise 4:45 pm	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> Salon Series 9:00 am  Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 am	<b>31</b> Jazzercise 4:45 pm					

# July Birthdays

Mike Kock on July 14

Anysia Catalan on July 14

Augusto Catalan on July 16

Virginia Culp on July 19

Kate Hamilton on July 21

Loretta Stockstill on July 24

David Culp on July 24

*If your name does not appear on our birthday or anniversary list, please contact the church office.*



Please look for jars around the church to throw in your loose change. They will be located on the table in the Foyer, near the coffee pots in the kitchen, and on the table during coffee hour. The donations for July and August will help to pay for school supplies.

Each month for Ingathering Sunday, there will be certain items that need to be collected. For July to August please collect any items for the back-to-school supplies and place them in the container in the Narthex. Requested items are: paper towels, kleenex tissues, ziplock quart bags, ziplock gallon bags, and black dry erase markers.

# Morning Prayer and Healing Service

We would like you to join us for our Morning Prayer and Healing Service every Wednesday starting at 9:00 am with Jeff Baldrige as the officiant.

The focus will be: “We seek God through Christ and the Holy Spirit to provide healing and wholeness of life to all those hurting or in need”.

Two art/history/mystery documents are also available for our youth each week on our website at [www.saintfran.org](http://www.saintfran.org). Parents can use them for their children during Morning Prayer.

You can participate by coming to St. Francis and meet with us in our Sanctuary or by watching us on Facebook. Send any prayer requests to [prayer@saintfran.org](mailto:prayer@saintfran.org), we would love to pray for you!

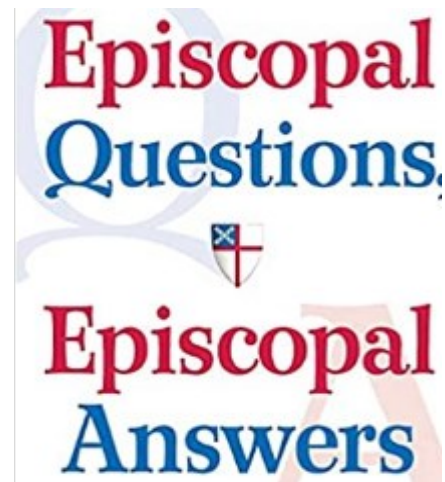
Questions or comments?

Please contact Fr. David at [fr.david@saintfran.org](mailto:fr.david@saintfran.org) or Jeff Baldrige at [prayer@saintfran.org](mailto:prayer@saintfran.org).



The Salon Series will continue to meet throughout the summer. This summer the series will be on structures and ministers of the Episcopal Church.

No previous knowledge is necessary, but it will be helpful to bring your Bible and Prayer Book to our discussions.



## How About Helping with Church Maintenance?

Jacqui Parker is inviting people to come and help around the church building. There are several projects that need to be updated around the church, and any help would be very much appreciated. Please contact Jacqui if you are interested.

### **We could use your help!**

How about signing up to do coffee hour some Sunday? All you need to do is a little setting up and putting away and to bring a plate of cookies or muffins or whatever you like. The sign-up sheet is on the freezer in the kitchen. Any questions, talk to Ginny Culp: (937) 409-2893. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless.

**VOLUNTEERS DO NOT  
NECESSARILY HAVE THE  
TIME; THEY JUST HAVE  
THE HEART**

## Fall Rummage Sale

St. Francis would like to hold a Rummage Sale sometime this Fall. If there is enough interest from the Congregation and Community, then we will finalize a date and time for the event.



If you would like to be involved in this Community Outreach or would like to donate any items, please contact Mary Harris at (937) 672-7993 or Allison Ferriell at (937) 430-5201. We hope you can be apart of reaching out and connecting with our community!

All donations will go to our Outreach Fund.



## Diocese of Southern Ohio News *News around the Ohio area*

*“It’s our connection to God and each other that gives meaning to our lives.”*

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With thanks to God, and with gratitude for the exceptional service of the [Bishop Nominating Committee](#), we are pleased to present to you the committee’s slate of nominees to be the 10th Bishop of Southern Ohio: the Rev. Canon Whitney Rice, the Rev. Canon Stephanie Spellers, the Rev. Dr. Elaine Ellis Thomas, and the Rev. Canon Kristin Uffelman White.

The election for the Tenth Bishop of Southern Ohio will take place at a special [in-person electing convention](#) on September 30 at Christ Church Cathedral.



## The Rev. Canon Whitney Rice



“What I love most about the gospel accounts of call is that healing and evangelism are always intimately connected. Jesus heals someone and then immediately calls them to follow him on The Way so that they too may spread the Good News he has just awakened within them. This is a pattern I have experienced over and over in my own life, and I sense it is a journey the Diocese of Southern Ohio is walking as well.

“The aftermath of addiction, the struggle to articulate a unifying theology of money and power, the paradox of needing revitalization despite an abundance of ministry gifts and material resources, and the deep desire for ongoing growth as Beloved Community call for a partner in ministry who is wholeheartedly committed to the work of trust-building, truth telling, and the gentle yet fierce art of presence that points toward hope.”

## The Rev. Canon Stephanie Spellers



“Throughout the antebellum South, my enslaved ancestors dreamt and sang of a place where they would at last know dignity and liberation. ‘Lord Jesus,’ they prayed, ‘deliver us across the river to Freedom Land.’ While they surely pictured the Israelites crossing the River Jordan to enter the Promised Land, their prayers were also deeply practical and earthy. Freedom was not an abstract; it was a destination. Racism didn’t magically evaporate as they crossed over the Ohio River, but they knew new life was possible on the other side. This was Freedom Land.

“When I consider the palpable call to enter into discernment with the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio, this is what I see. You are more than your nearly 150-year history of service and witness. You are more than your abundant financial resources, and more than the deep wedges between haves and have nots. You are more than your experience as a dysfunctional system seeking recovery and restoration, though I know well how consuming that journey can be.”

## The Rev. Dr. Elaine Ellis Thomas



“The state of Ohio holds a special place in my heart: it is where my spouse, my partner in life, was born and grew up and went to college. We have made countless trips over the course of our relationship and marriage to visit family in northeast Ohio, to witness the pageantry that is a Buckeyes game at The Shoe, and to enjoy an afternoon of baseball at Great American Ballpark. Our deep roots in Ohio led me to participate in the bishop search in the Diocese of Ohio, an experience that continues to draw me into further exploration of where my gifts might best serve God and God’s people.

“What you seek in your next bishop resonates with me as one committed to building relationships, to strengthening communities, to truly know and love those with whom I serve so that we can carry out God’s mission in this world, sharing the healing love of Christ with all people. My experience and abilities as an enthusiastic teacher and preacher with pastoral sensitivity and boundless courage to go where God leads are all characteristic of the kind of bishop your profile imagines.”

## The Rev. Canon Kristin Uffelman White



“I give thanks for this opportunity to enter into discernment with you, as you search for the person who will serve as the Tenth Bishop of Southern Ohio.

“Your profile details a clear-eyed hope for your future as a diocese, as well as an honesty and a sense of longing that took my breath away. You recognize disparate accomplishments in the diocese, as well as the challenges you face, while seeking a coherent mission to frame who you are called to be as the Body of Christ throughout Southern Ohio. You name the desire for a bishop who will be present with you, particularly, in this time and place. These are the reasons – both in the work that you name and in the ways in which you articulate it – that I am compelled to explore this calling with you.

# Bishop Candidate Meet and Greets Scheduled September 11-15 in person and on Zoom

From September 11 through 15, the Bishop Transition Committee will hold seven meet-and-greet sessions for the people of the diocese to meet our bishop candidates. The members of the transition committee can be found at <https://southernohiobishop.org/transition-committee/>



During each session, every candidate will each have a 20-to-30 minute period to answer questions presented by a moderator. Everyone is invited to submit questions at <https://form.jotform.com/231495002536148> for the nominees online **by August 21**.

Meet-and-greet sessions that are open to the entire diocese will also be broadcast on Zoom. Save the date for the sessions that you would like to attend, and watch for Zoom links coming later this summer.

## Meet-and-Greet Schedule

**Monday, September 11, 7:00 p.m.: Church of the Redeemer, Cincinnati**

**Tuesday, September 12, 7:00 p.m.: St. Barnabas, Montgomery**

**Wednesday, September 13, 4:30 p.m.: All Saints', Portsmouth**

**Thursday, September 14, 1 p.m.: Procter Center (clergy only; in person only)**

**Thursday, September 14, 7:00 p.m.: St. Margaret's, Trotwood**

**Friday, September 15, 1:00 p.m.: St. Patrick's, Dublin**

**Friday, September 15, 7:00 p.m.: Trinity, Columbus**

Questions? Please email the Transition Committee at [bishoptransition@diosohio.org](mailto:bishoptransition@diosohio.org)

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## Gathering Times

Sundays at 9:00 am - Sunday Salon (Discussion Group for All)  
Sundays at 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
Wednesdays at 9:00 am - Morning Prayer and Healing Service  
Wednesdays at 10:30 am - Bible Study

## Prayer July

Thank you, Lord, for the privilege of living in this great country where we have freedom to openly worship you. May we never take that privilege for granted, but always guard it and treasure it. May we not live in apathy to you, but live in awe of your love and forgiveness freely poured out for us. Allow our light to shine brightly as our hearts turn to you. Amen.

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**Sunday School** - Jenny Catalan

**Vestry Members** - Tom Phillips, Jacqui Parker, Allison Ferriell, Beth Phillips, Virginia Culp, and Diana Ledford.

