

November 30, 2011

Dear Ones,

We hope that this letter finds you well, and we are looking forward to a Holy Advent and a wonderful Christmas season here at Holy Spirit. As Father David's final Sunday with us is fast approaching, we thought it would be appropriate to send you this short letter informing you about the transition process which will ultimately culminate in the arrival of new priests for our wonderful parish.

Unfortunately, as with all things in life, this transition will be full of uncertainty and we don't have many details to offer you right now. That said, here are the details we do know. After Father David's departure on December 4th, Father Patrick will take on sole pastoral responsibility for our community with the aid of our associate and retired clergy. He will persist in this role until January 15th which will be his final Sunday with us at Holy Spirit. Either the 3rd or 4th Sunday of January we will be joined by our new interim rector, the Rev'd William Fowler. Bill is currently ending a long tenure at Trinity Church, Galveston, where he has served as interim rector for 2 ½ years. The vestry was unanimous in its decision to elect Bill as our interim rector. He is held in high regard by both our current priests and by Canon Normand and her staff at the Diocese. We are excited about bringing Bill on board here at Holy Spirit, and we feel certain that he will have much wisdom to share as he leads us through our process of transition.

Holy Spirit Church is now officially in the "pre-search" phase of our transition process. In December, the Vestry will go to a training session led by Mary MacGregor from the Diocesan staff to learn about the tasks we must undertake before we can move into the "search" phase of our transition.

As we start actively working on these tasks, there will be more updates posted on our website, the Sunday announcements bulletin, and the monthly Connect newsletter. We will share everything we possibly can, just as soon as we can.

Please always feel free to contact us, if you have any questions or concerns about the transition.

Yours in Christ,



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