

Aug. 26, 2020

Dear People of the Diocese of Missouri,

I am excited about our diocese and the palatable sense of change and hope happening right now in our church. A huge part of that change will come from each of you, with the opportunity to step forward and take leadership in our diocesan community.

Elections to fulfill vacancies in four of our important governing bodies will be brought to our 181st convention in November.

If you are as excited and I am about our diocese, then please agree to take time to pray and discern about your own role, and that of others you feel have the gifts to serve in one of these canonical church bodies.

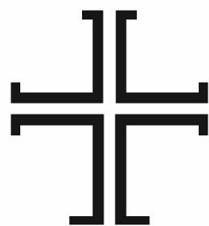
Do not underestimate the power of the Holy Spirit in your discernment, and the great blessing that it would bring to another parishioner whom you approach through your deep prayer and discernment for their gifts for ministry.

It is a powerful gift from God, for us and others to recognize our gifts and how they may be used for the greater Glory of God!

I have no doubt that if each of us will take the time for prayer and discernment, the Holy Spirit will guide many gifted people to join with Bishop Deon in this exciting time of leadership in our diocese.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Todd McDowell +
Chair of 2020 Nominations Committee



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