



**ADOSC
VISITATION
CUSTOMARY 2023**

1. DEADLINE: COMPLETE AND RETURN THE VISITATION QUESTIONNAIRE **4-6 WEEKS IN ADVANCE** OF THE VISITATION. THIS ENABLES THE BISHOP TO PROPERLY PLAN AND PREPARE.
2. OVERNIGHT ACCOMODATIONS: IF THAT REQUIRES OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS, THE PARISH IS ASKED TO MAKE THOSE ARRANGEMENTS ON THE BISHOP'S BEHALF.
3. PROTOCOL: APPROPRIATE LITURGICAL COLORS FOR THE OCCASION ARE EITHER THE COLOR OF THE SEASON (ESPECIALLY DURING LENT, ADVENT, EASTER, RED FOR CONFIRMATION IS ALSO PERMISSIBLE). PLEASE INDICATE YOUR CHOICE AND ANY VESTMENT PREFERENCE ON THE QUESTIONNAIRE. IF THERE IS A DEACON ASSIGNED TO THE PARISH HE OR SHE SHOULD ASSIST AS BISHOP'S CHAPLAIN. WHEN NOT PRESENT ANOTHER PERSON MAY BE ASSIGNED FOR THIS ROLE (WHERE NEEDED THE BISHOP WILL INSTRUCT THIS PERSON ON HIS OR HER ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES).
4. BISHOP'S DISCRETIONARY FUND: IT IS CUSTOMARY THAT THE OPEN PLATE OFFERING (OR SOME ALTERNATIVE AMOUNT PREVIOUSLY DETERMINED BY THE VESTRY) BE DESIGNATED FOR THE BISHOP'S DISCRETIONARY FUND. THOSE FUNDS SHOULD BE CONVEYED AFTER THE VISITATION AND AT THE CONVENIENCE OF THE PARISH TREASURER.
5. COMPLETE THE ENTIRE FORM: WHERE MULTIPLE SERVICES ARE PLANNED DURING A VISIT, PLEASE INDICATE THE TIME AND NATURE OF EACH SERVICE (I.E. HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I OR II, CONFIRMATION, ETC...) ON THE QUESTIONNAIRE. THE BISHOP WILL NORMALLY PREACH AT ALL SERVICES AND CELEBRATE WHERE APPROPRIATE.
6. **CONFIRMATION, NOT BAPTISM**: A REMINDER TO CLERGY—IT IS THE BISHOP'S PREFERENCE FOR HIS ANNUAL VISITATION TO HAVE ONLY THE LITURGY FOR **CONFIRMATION**—BAPTISMS CAN BE SCHEDULED AT THE CONVENIENCE OF THE PARISH CLERGY ON AN ALTERNATE DATE, NOT REQUIRING THE BISHOP TO BE PRESENT.
7. CONFIRMATION FORM (PAGE 3): ALSO TO BE RETURNED AFTER THE VISITATION IS THE ATTACHED FORM INDICATING WHO HAS BEEN PRESENTED FOR CONFIRMATION AND **RECEPTION (NO NEED TO RECORD, FOR OUR RECORDS, THE REAFFIRMATION, AS THOSE ARE NOT REQUIRED TO REPORT TO THE ACNA.** ESTIMATES OF THE NUMBER ANTICIPATED SHOULD BE REPORTED AHEAD OF TIME ON THE QUESTIONNAIRE.
8. OTHER QUESTIONS: ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THE BISHOP'S SCHEDULE AND THE CUSTOMARIES OF AN EPISCOPAL VISIT SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE REV. JOYCE HARDER AT THE DIOCESAN HOUSE (843-722-4075) or jharder@adosc.org.

VISITATION QUESTIONNAIRE

(Please return to the Bishop's Office **4-6 weeks in advance**)

General Information

Church Name: _____ Priest's Cell Phone: _____

Date of Visitation: _____

Sunday Information

Time of Service:

Principal Service: Time _____ Anglican Standard Text Renewed Ancient Text

Approximate number for:

_____ Confirmation _____ Reaffirmation _____ Reception

Vestments Desired (Rochet & Chimere; Cope & Mitre; etc): _____

Color: (Red if Confirmation; otherwise, color of season) _____

Deacon or Person assigned as Bishop's Chaplain: _____ (_____ (see #3 on prior page)

Propers - ACNA:

Old Testament _____ Psalm _____

Epistle _____ Gospel _____

A change of the Propers of the Day requires permission from the Bishop!!!

Other events:

Yes, I would like for the Bishop to speak to our Confirmands

Time: _____

Yes, I would like for the Bishop to speak to our Adult Sunday School

Time: _____ **Topic:** _____

Yes, we plan to have a **Reception** following the last service

Type of Reception: Light food Lunch

Additional notes for the Bishop:
