

December 21, 2007

MEMORANDUM

To: Churches of the Diocese of Virginia

From: Bishops Lee, Johnston and Jones

We are continuing with our 2007-2008 visitation schedule that assures every congregation of a visit by a Virginia bishop during that two year period. The schedule of visitations for the remaining months of that period and which bishop will be presiding can be found on the diocesan website at [www.thediocese.net](http://www.thediocese.net).

In addition, we are scheduling one combined confirmation service in 2008 and inviting rectors, other parish clergy, and their confirmation classes, as well as their wardens, sponsors, parents (and any others who wish to attend) to come together in this service. The service will be held at the Cathedral Shrine at Shrine Mont on Saturday morning, May 3, 2008. Closer to the time, we will send you a detailed invitation and ask for a response from you so that we have some idea of what to expect.

The Shrine Mont service schedule will permit all participating congregations to plan for a substantive process of instruction for persons to be confirmed or received during the months ahead. Bishops Johnston and Jones are planning a youth day with the bishops on Saturday March 1, 2008, at St. Andrew's Church, Burke, and hope you will bring your candidates to that youth day. Please see the diocesan website for more information regarding the youth day.

Thank you for your support and patience in this effort to strengthen our common life and our preparation for those making their promises.