

February 8, 2007

MEMORANDUM

To: Churches of the Diocese of Virginia

From: The Bishop

I am writing to follow up on my letter of September 17, 2006, regarding the confirmation visitation schedule for 2007-08. Bishop Jones, Bishop-elect Johnston and I plan to experiment with a two-year schedule of confirmation visitations to congregations that assures every congregation of a visit by a Virginia bishop during that two year period. The list of the visitations and which bishop will be presiding in individual churches in 2007-08, can be found on our diocesan website at www.thediocese.net.

In addition, we are scheduling at least three combined confirmation services around the Diocese 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 these services. Two services will be held at 11:00 a.m., on Saturday morning, April 21, 2007, one at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Burke, and the other at St. Mary's Church, Richmond. Another will be held in the Cathedral Shrine at Shrine Mont at 11:00 a.m., on Saturday morning, May 5, 2007.

This schedule will permit all the participating congregations to plan for a substantive process of instruction for persons to be confirmed or received. We are planning a youth day with the bishops on Saturday March 10, 2007, at St. George's Church, Fredericksburg, at 10:00 am, and hope you will bring your candidates to that youth day. (To receive more information regarding the March 10 event, please contact the Rev. Percy Grant at pgrant@thediocese.net.)

In order to plan for each of these services, my office will need to know which service your church plans to attend. Please complete the enclosed form and return it to my office by March 2, 2007.

Enclosure

2007 Confirmation Service Registration Form

Name of priest:

Name/location of church:

Our church plans to participate in the following service.

_____ St. Mary=s, Richmond (11:00 a.m., Saturday, April 21, 2007)

_____ Good Shepherd, Burke (11:00 a.m., Saturday, April 21, 2007)

_____ Cathedral Shrine at Shrine Mont (11:00 a.m., Saturday, May 5, 2007)

If you want lunch at Shrine Mont, cost is \$12. Please list number of lunches needed: _____ (Do not send money now--church will be billed for lunches following May 5 service.)

Number of candidates for:

baptism:

confirmation:

reception:

reaffirmation:

Number of teenagers (ages 12-18) for mission vouchers:

_____ We are planning to attend the Youth Day with Bishops on Saturday, March 10, 2007, 10:00 a.m., at St. George's Church, Fredericksburg

We will have _____ young people attending on March 10.

Complete and return this registration form by March 2, 2007, via: mail:

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