



THE RT. REV. STEVEN ANDREW MILLER, D.D.  
BISHOP OF MILWAUKEE

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Dear Friends in Christ,

For the last 13 years I have had the joy of serving as a colleague in ministry with the Rev. Carla McCook. I first got to know Carla as her field education supervisor at The Virginia Theological Seminary and was honored when she asked me to be a presenter for her diaconal ordination. Two years later I recruited her to come to the Diocese of Milwaukee to serve as rector of St. Thomas of Canterbury, Greendale. Her faithful and effective service there led to a period of renewed growth and vitality.

Knowing firsthand of her gifts in Christian Formation, in 2011, I invited her to join the staff at Nicholson House to serve as assistant for Formation and Ministry. Carla's service to the Diocese has been invaluable helping us to rebuild our camping program, Camp Webb, and our school for Deacons, consulting with congregations around challenges in Christian Formation, and overseeing our Safeguarding Programs. Moreover, she has served as an effective member of the staff willing to help in whatever way necessary and as a trusted confidant to me.

Over the past year, Carla has expressed to me a desire to return to parish ministry. As much as she loves her diocesan work, the call of parish ministry has been persistent and clear. I write to share with you that Carla has accepted the call to serve as Priest-in-Charge of St. Margaret of Scotland Episcopal Church, Sarasota, Florida. Carla will end her service to the diocese at the end of January and will begin her new ministry February 1. I hope you will join me in wishing her and her family -- Shane, Sean, Madeline, and Morgan -- Godspeed as she returns to parish ministry.

Carla's departure gives us the opportunity to discern how best to resource the many areas of our common life and ministry that she both led and supported as a member of the staff. I anticipate working with our Commission on Professional Standards and Support and the Executive Council in this endeavor in the months ahead.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Miller".

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