

Visiting Deacon at Bishops Visitations Information Sheet (Talking points for priest and deacon)

Date _____

Deacon Assigned _____

Deacon Phone number _____ Deacon email _____

Church _____

Address _____ email address _____

Phone number _____

Priest _____ Additional clergy _____

Service Times _____

Liturgical Color _____

Deacon vestments; church supplies _____ Deacon brings own _____

Gospel reading _____

Prayers of the people led by Deacon _____ Layperson _____ Form _____

Invitation to confession led by deacon _____ or

the one from the Baptismal Covenant led by the bishop _____

Prayers for the Candidates, petitions led by deacon _____

Offertory, any special thing the deacon may need to know about;

i.e., Gluten free bread, how is the bread count handled. _____

Ablutions, how is it done in your church. _____

Dismissal, Before ___ or After ___ the Recessional hymn. At the Front _____ or Rear _____ of the church

The visiting deacon will also be available after the service to speak with individuals who are interested in the diaconate, as well as the discernment and ordination process in this diocese.

“Guidelines for Episcopal Visitations” paragraph 3 and 8 pertains to deacons.

3. If the congregation has a deacon, the deacon will serve in his or her customary roles in the liturgy. If the congregation does not have a deacon, the bishop will bring a deacon to serve with him. The visiting deacon will perform the usual diaconal functions. However, if the congregation has certain customs, e.g., preparation of the table by acolytes or children, those customs will be respected....

8. At the Great Thanksgiving, it is appropriate that the priests of the community stand with the bishop at the altar. It is the ministry of the deacon to elevate the chalice at the concluding doxology of the Eucharistic Prayer.