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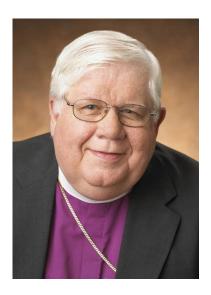
A Note from Bishop Price

September 6, 2019

My dear friends,

Last Spring, the Rt. Rev. Dorsey McConnell asked if I would be willing to return to Pittsburgh for three months while he was on sabbatical. I did not hesitate to accept his invitation, and so I am now back with you with the title of Assisting Bishop through the first Sunday in November.

After this diocese elected me Bishop Provisional in 2009, Mariann and I moved here until Bishop Dorsey was consecrated in late 2012. After that I moved back to Columbus, Ohio, and retired. After a time, the bishop of Southern Ohio, Thomas Breidenthal, appointed me as an Assisting Bishop, and I still make 20-24 visitations there each year.



As I now am in my fifty-second year of ordination, I can safely say those Pittsburgh years were some of the most satisfying of my career. When I arrived, the wounds of the split were still raw, and we were "clergy short," but those remaining rose to the occasion mightily and retired clergy stepped up. In addition, I found some of the most dedicated lay leaders I have ever encountered, and together we were a God-centered community. Many of those clergy and laity are still active, plus there is a goodly group of people new to me. The fruits of Bishop Dorsey's leadership are evident.

My charge for these three months is to provide episcopal support for our dedicated and hard-working staff and our official diocesan committees and commissions, and to visit congregations that were on Bishop Dorsey's schedule during this time. Since these congregations are known to me and me to them, I will be eager to renew friendships.

My time here is part-time, and with the exception of a ten-day period later this month when I am here full-time, I will normally drive in from Ohio on Saturday and stay until Tuesday. During each of these times, I will have at least one day to meet with people as needed. I will be dividing those days between the Diocesan Office at the Cathedral, Calvary Church, and one day in Johnstown. I will normally be at the Diocesan office every Tuesday. Anyone wishing to meet with me at any of those places can contact Andy Muhl in the diocesan office and he will schedule time.

My intention is to simply be a placeholder for your good bishop, who is taking well deserved time away. Since I am familiar with much here, my reentry has been easy, and it has been like a homecoming. However, we live in an uncertain world, and at any time unexpected matters can crop up. Please know that even when I am back in Ohio, I respond to e-mail and I usually have my cell phone with me. You are welcome to contact me directly or through Andy Muhl.

It is an honor to be back among you, and I look forward to personally seeing as many of you as possible.



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