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EDITOR'S NOTE:

The previous version of this email contained an incorrect sign up link.
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February 15, 2021

Dear Friends in Christ,

During this 2021 Lenten season, I invite you to participate in **Five-Minute Lent** on Monday through Saturday evenings from 7:00-7:05 PM via Zoom. Five-Minute Lent begins on Thursday, February 18, and will run through Wednesday, March 31 (the day before Maundy Thursday). The series is called ***Expecting Life*** and will follow John 12 verse by verse, which is the chapter just prior to Jesus' passion, crucifixion, death... and resurrection. Please share this with your parish members and others who may be interested in an accessible way to observe the season together.

Everyone in the diocese is invited to these 5-minute evenings as a spiritual practice we can observe together.

Our evening Zoom link is:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82717703921?
pwd=MGpHMHNvZGF0Vi9xSjl1dDNmc3hkZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82717703921?pwd=MGpHMHNvZGF0Vi9xSjl1dDNmc3hkZz09)

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Most importantly, I invite clergy and laity throughout the diocese to sign up to lead these brief services. Whether lay or ordained, you are welcome to participate as a worship leader in preplanned services via Zoom, while adding your own 2-3 sentence prayer and a very brief (single paragraph) reflection on the verse of the evening. Leaders do not need any special credentials to lead other than a faithful heart and willing spirit. Our Canon for Faith Formation and Evangelism, the Rev. Natalie Hall, can help you if you would appreciate any assistance in preparing.

Please sign up to lead at:

https://doodle.com/poll/a8rywqikb4mppmw3?utm_source=poll&utm_medium=link

You will receive a preparation sheet via email about your selected date(s).

In so many ways the last year has been a constant time of fasting and self-denial. This year, let's make the observance of Great Lent a season of hope, sharing a few minutes together at the end of the day, and looking toward the Feast of the Resurrection.

Faithfully,



(The Right Reverend) Dorsey W. M. McConnell, D.D.
VIII Bishop of Pittsburgh

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