



A Season of Service and Celebration

As the prayerful search and discernment process continues toward the election of a bishop coadjutor for our diocese, plans are underway for celebrating the episcopal ministry of Bishop Shaw. More details will be announced, but please save these dates and start planning with your congregation now.

April 9-June 21, 2014: We will mark this period as our Season of Service and Celebration in honor of Bishop Shaw's nearly 20 years of episcopal ministry, which is characterized by prophetic witness and activism for social justice and equality for all; commitment to the full inclusion of children, youth and young adults into the life of the church; and conviction that God's presence is realized in community.

Service

April 9 Kick-Off: Everyone is invited to join Bishop Shaw at Episcopal City Mission's Lobby Day on April 9 at 10 a.m. to kick off this Season of Service and Celebration. Please consider planning your own service event during this season in his honor or participate in one already established (such as the Mother's Day Walk for Peace, the Walk for Hunger, Pride Parade, a community clean-up day, food pantry collections, etc.). The dream is to honor Bishop Shaw by turning out thousands of people during these weeks to do public service for God's glory.

Gratitude

April 27 Gratitude Sunday: During worship services on this day, every congregation is invited to read a letter of gratitude from Bishop Shaw. Special books will also be provided to each congregation in which members can record their messages, to be presented to Bishop Shaw at the celebration on June 21.

Celebration

June 21 Eucharistic Celebration and Family Picnic at Franklin Park in Boston. Everyone in the diocesan community is invited to gather for a celebration and commemoration of Bishop Shaw's ministry.

Fund for the Second Decade: Bishop Shaw has requested that any financial gifts made in his honor be designated for the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center's second decade, to ensure its continued vitality and long-term financial stability. More information on how to honor Bishop Shaw with a gift will be available early in 2014.

Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts Election and Transition Process

Upcoming Dates

January 2014

Slate of nominees announced.

March 14-19, 2014

Walkabouts: An opportunity to meet the nominees during a series of gatherings around the diocese.

Locations and details to be announced.

April 5, 2014

Election of the bishop coadjutor at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Boston.

April 9-June 21, 2014 Season of Service and Celebration

to Honor Bishop Shaw

All congregations invited to participate in a service project or event of their choosing during these weeks in honor of Bishop Shaw

April 9: Kick-off Service Event
Episcopal City Mission Lobby Day,
10 a.m.

April 27: Gratitude Sunday
Letter from Bishop Shaw read in
congregations during Sunday services.

**June 21: Diocesan Family
Celebration and Picnic**
at Franklin Park in Boston
(details to be announced).

Sept. 13, 2014

Consecration of the bishop coadjutor
at Agganis Arena, Boston University.

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and transition process please visit
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