



## THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF MARYLAND

March 14, 2008

Dear Delegates to the Special Electing Convention,

Enclosed with this cover letter are:

- **Special Rules of Order for the Electing Convention**
- **Summary of Proposed Special Rules of Order**
- **Details and Draft Agenda**

I hope you will read each of these documents carefully and make your plans for the Electing Convention on Saturday, March 29, accordingly. Let me call your attention to a few things.

The time between 9:00 am and 9:30 am on the Draft Agenda will consist of some housekeeping details which are, nevertheless, extremely important. The Presiding Officer will *reconvene* the 223rd Annual Convention to a special session for the process of nominating and electing the 14th Bishop of Maryland. There will, of course, be a prayer, a welcome, the announcement of a quorum, the adoption of an agenda for the day (a more detailed agenda will be given to you in the registration packet), the adoption of the **Rules of Order** (enclosed), a courtesy resolution concerning clergy who have become canonically resident *since* May 2007, the Report of the Committee on the Right to Seats for Clergy and Laity, and finally, the Presentation of the Nominees. We will begin the Convention Eucharist at approximately 9:30 am - so you can see how important it is for you to be familiar with the material!

Following Communion, all those persons who are not voting delegates or members of the Standing Committee or Diocesan Staff assisting with the Convention, will be asked to leave the "floor" of Convention. Your cooperation with this transition will be greatly appreciated. Areas other than the "floor" of Convention will be made available for alternates, guests and visitors and a special area designated for the media. We are working hard to make this Electing Convention be as Grace-filled as possible, and we thank you all in advance!

May God Bless you richly during this Holy Week and Easter.

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