

Dear Colleagues,

Since the election of Eugene Sutton to be the 14th Bishop of Maryland, there has been tremendous excitement about his consecration at the Washington National Cathedral on Saturday, June 28, 2008, at 11:00 am. It will be a glorious beginning to his episcopate!

For this event, we are putting together a Festival Choir made up of singers from the Diocese of Maryland. I am writing to invite you and your choir members to participate. Because time is short, please fill out a copy of the enclosed form and return it as soon as possible. This form will also be found on the consecration page of the [diocesan Web site](#).

Again, because preparation time is short and we want to make sure that we are ready when we walk through the door on the 28th, please help insure that the choristers you send can meet the following commitments.

- Presently, regularly, singing with a choir in this diocese. We want to use your active members!
- Able to read music, and prepare music assigned with minimal rehearsals.

Regional rehearsals will be held in early/mid June at locations throughout the Diocese. Choir members need to be able to attend **TWO** of these (any location is fine) plus the “Dress Rehearsal” on June 25th at 7:30 pm at the Washington National Cathedral.

Every singer needs to be able to be at the National Cathedral by 8:00 am on June 28 and have the mobility to move comfortably between the Cathedral and nearby buildings for vesting.

Once the repertoire for the Consecration is set we will deal with the music needs of the participants. If your church is not able to supply music to the singers, they will need to purchase copies. We cannot share music or use photocopies. There is a small fund available to pay for music for those who cannot otherwise afford it. If you have questions, please contact Ann Burts at the email address listed below.

This promises to be a wonderful day for all and I look forward to working with you and your choir members,

Faithfully,

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