

PARISH SELECTION UPDATE

SEARCHING FOR A NEW RECTOR

From Eric Preston, Chair of your Parish Selection Committee. This is the 3rd update.

This is a brief update on the actions that are now underway to prepare the Parish Profile.

Thank you to those who have sent pictures in. We now have a good selection of photographs to use in illustrating the Profile, including a few pictures of men at work. Thank you, Ron, for those.

SURVEY

We've received about 60 survey responses so far. Thank you to everyone who has completed the survey. We'd still like to receive more, as we were targeting to get about a 60% response rate or around 100 replies. We had initially said the survey would be up for two weeks but we're going to keep it open for at least another week. If you haven't completed the survey, please do so here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XG9YXGV>

FOCUS GROUPS

The focus groups will start this Tuesday. We set a maximum of 12 people in each group but also want a minimum of about eight parishioners attending. You'll receive confirmation of your date and the link to the session the day before the focus group meeting. This allows us to accommodate any late arrivals. If you don't receive an email before your first-choice date, it means we didn't have enough people for that date. We'll hopefully be able to accommodate your second choice. [Sign up here.](#)

We've completed most of the information gathering for the first part of the Parish Profile. The last two sections talk about our future vision for Holy Trinity and the gifts and experience we'd like our new priest to have. The survey and the focus groups are critical for preparing those sections, so we really encourage you to complete the survey and attend the focus groups.

Thanks again for your help so far and in the future.



PRAYER FOR HOLY TRINITY THORNHILL'S PARISH SELECTION

ALMIGHTY GOD, LOOK GRACIOUSLY ON US THE MEMBERS OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, THORNHILL, DURING THIS TIME OF TRANSITION. BE WITH US AND LEAD US AS WE SEEK THE NEXT PRIEST AND PASTOR FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

WE ASK YOUR DIRECTION AND GUIDANCE FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO IDENTIFY A NEW INCUMBENT, THAT WE MAY CHOOSE A COMPETENT AND FAITHFUL LEADER WHO WILL CARE FOR YOUR PEOPLE AND EQUIP US FOR MINISTRY. GRANT THEM EARS TO HEAR THE VOICES OF THOSE WHOM THEY WILL INTERVIEW, EARS TO HEAR EACH OTHER AS THEY DELIBERATE, AND EARS THAT ARE ATTENTIVE TO YOUR VOICE AS THEY DISCERN THE BEST CHOICE FOR US AT THIS TIME.

CONTINUE TO LEAD US WITH YOUR HOLY SPIRIT, AS WE PATIENTLY WAIT UPON YOU AND ON THE OUTCOME OF THIS PROCESS. THIS WE ASK THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN

Written by Canon Stephen Fields, 2021