

PARISH SELECTION UPDATE

SEARCHING FOR A NEW PRIEST

From Eric Preston, Chair of your Parish Selection Committee. This update on the Committee's work includes the parish survey results.

Dear Parishioners,

I'm delighted to tell you that Bishop Andrew Asbil has approved the Holy Trinity Church Parish Profile. This is an important milestone as it means we can now proceed to the next step in identifying our new priest. The Parish Profile is a detailed description of the parish activities, finances, vision for the future and our hopes for our new priest. The Profile was prepared by the Parish Selection Committee, based on the parish survey results, and focus groups conducted over the last few months, as well as earlier work such as the Reimagining process. The Bishop was very impressed with our work and didn't feel the need to make any changes or corrections.

The next step in the process will be to post the Profile on the National Church and Diocesan websites. This in effect acts as the advertisement for the position in our church. The Profile will also be posted on the Holy Trinity website.

Potential candidates will make applications to the Bishop. After the Profile has been posted for about a month, the Bishop will assess the applications and provide us with a short list of candidates that he considers acceptable. The Parish Selection Committee will then interview the candidates and perform other tasks such as reference checks or attending a service conducted by the applicant. Once the Parish Selection Committee has decided on a preferred candidate, we will make our recommendation to the Bishop. The Bishop will in turn negotiate the terms and conditions of employment with the candidate. Hopefully, this will all be completed over the next few months, and our new priest will be with us in the fall. If no candidate is chosen or accepts the position, then the search will continue.

If you know someone that you think would be a good candidate for our Priest position, you can contact them and share a copy of the Profile with them. If they're interested, they should then submit their application to Bishop Andrew Asbil.

Attached is a copy of the Parish Profile in two formats: PDF and eBook. If you would like a printed copy and can't print it yourself, please contact Swan Li at the church office by phone at 905-889 5931 ext. 21 or by email at info@holytrinity-thornhill.ca and arrange to have her print a copy for you.

This is the last update we will be providing on the selection process. Once we start the process of inviting applications and interviewing candidates, we are required to enter a 'cone of silence' to ensure the confidentiality of the process and protect the privacy of the individuals applying. Confidentiality at this point will ensure that the process is not disrupted. We thank you for all your participation and support so far. Please keep the Parish Selection Committee in your prayers as we complete the process of selecting our next Priest.



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

BE SAFE, BE KIND, BE BLESSED.