



Bishop Kym's Visitation Customary

Bishop Kym's congregational visits are not only for the purpose of meeting the canonical requirements, but also for building connections and relationships. Bishop Kym wants congregational leadership to know that her primary goal during her visit is to be in conversation with the community, to explore how the Holy Spirit is moving in your context, and to learn how the Office of the Bishop can be of support.

Worship

Bishop Kym expects that her visit will include a lectionary-based service of Holy Eucharist. Vestments should reflect the colors of the liturgical season. If there is a service of baptism scheduled, the vestments should be white. For confirmations the Bishop prefers red, yet will consent to white or the seasonal color. The Bishop expects to preach and celebrate during the service unless other arrangements are made. The Bishop leaves the selection of music, Eucharistic Prayers and Prayers of the People to congregational leadership. If congregations are observing special liturgical seasons with alternate readings, they should inform the Bishop's Executive Assistant (see contact information below) at least 3 weeks prior to the visit. The Bishop asks that there be gluten-free hosts available. Bishop Kym will schedule Celebrations of New Ministry / Installations as her schedule permits on weekday evenings. She is also happy to incorporate this service as part of her regular visitations. The Bishop will sign the parish register at the conclusion of the visit. Last, it is expected that the loose plate offering goes to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund- please send this to the Bishop's office, 1300 N Washington St, Denver CO 80203.

Relationship-building

Bishop Kym expects to have time for intentional relationship building with congregational leaders, including spending time with Vestry/Bishop's Committee members, lay pastoral leaders and/or clergy. The Bishop is also willing to facilitate formation time or question and answer time with the congregation. If there are candidates for confirmation/reception, time may be scheduled for the Bishop to meet with them. These relationship building events can happen before or after worship for thirty to forty-five minutes.

Accommodations

If a congregation is located more than 2.5 hours from the Office of the Bishop, Bishop Kym will travel the day before and stay overnight. When possible, the Bishop would like partnered congregations to worship together for the visitation. From time to time, one or more of the Bishop's Canons, will accompany her. Occasionally, her family will travel with her. The Bishop delights in fellowship time and asks that there are food options available given her dietary needs- She can't have gluten, cow dairy, bananas, grapes, raisins, or meats with nitrates, and she doesn't prefer salmon or shrimp. Please note, Bishop Kym is not vegetarian, and bacon is both gluten-free and dairy-free!

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