



Dear Ones,

As I have said to many of you, it has been my intention to be fully engaged through my last day as your bishop. Much of my focus in these last few weeks has been preparing the ground for the season of transition and ultimately for the ministry of the person whom you call through election to be our fifth bishop of San Diego.

New Canon to the Ordinary

I have been in conversation with the staff regarding their respective roles. As I depart, it is particularly important that the roles of staff are clear. And so, the standing committee and I have made these adjustments in staff titles and responsibilities. As the senior staff person reporting directly to the bishop, Nancy Holland will hold the title Canon to the Ordinary. She will function as chief operating officer for the diocese. Allisyn Thomas will hold the title Canon for Spiritual Formation continuing her work with transition ministry, formation, the School for Ministry, and working with congregations on deepening their spiritual life.

Chancellor Change

In addition, after serving two bishops faithfully, Charles M. Dick will be concluding his ministry as diocesan chancellor as I conclude my service as your bishop on July 1st. I am pleased to tell you that David Bagley, who has served as one of our vice chancellors, will become diocesan chancellor. David has been an incredible resource providing legal services pertaining to real estate for the diocese and many of our congregations. He is a parishioner at St. Dunstan's and has served on their vestry. In addition, he has served on the board of Episcopal Community Services, including a term as president, and is a life trustee of The Bishop's School. It is a particular gift that with this changing of the guard that Chuck Dick has accepted the role as chancellor emeritus. He will continue to offer his wise counsel.

It is my prayer that these changes will be a blessing to the diocesan community and these important servants in this mission field of our Lord. I hope to see many of you for my final service as your bishop on Saturday, July 1 at 1 p.m. at St. Paul's Cathedral.

Faithfully,

The Rt. Rev. James R. Mathes
Bishop