

APPLICATION PROCESS

Thank you for your interest in St. Boniface's search for a new rector. Please explore our entire church website to learn more about who we are and about our community. On the "Rector Search" page, you will find links to our Parish Profile, OTM Ministry Portfolio, Recruitment Brochure, and other useful information. If, after viewing this information, you would feel inspired to enter into a process of mutual discernment with us, please provide us with completed application materials as set forth below.

TO APPLY, PLEASE SEND THE FOLLOWING:

- Resume/Curriculum Vitae – Please include:
 - Personal mailing address
 - E-mail address
 - Telephone numbers (Please indicate preferred number and also whether we may leave voicemail messages.)
 - Best method to reach you, including best day and time
 - Current church website, if applicable
- A copy of your updated OTM profile
- A “Letter of Interest” that highlights key qualities and/or accomplishments that you believe demonstrate a possible fit with St. Boniface Episcopal Church of Siesta Key, Florida, and its mission
- Responses to the four essay questions listed below
- A recent photograph of yourself (Optional)

ESSAY QUESTIONS:

While we are very interested in your previous experience, when referencing such experience please **do not** include demographic data, such as: "As an.....older/younger, Asian/Black/Caucasian/Hispanic, male/female....priest", in your responses. Similarly, **do not** reference your experience by referring to your specific location such as: "Here at St. Pal's.....Here in El Paso I have...."

Brevity is encouraged. Please limit your answers to NO MORE than one-half page per question and one question per page.

Question 1: Our youth and young adults lead very active lives centering around school and their extracurricular activities, with the result that church often takes a back seat in terms of importance.

How have you engaged youth and young adults to see that church can be a meaningful and important part of their lives? How have you gotten them involved?

Question 2: The Episcopal Church is going through a divisive period and some parishes have left the Episcopal Church in the U.S.

What is your experience with parishes in your diocese in making a decision to stay or leave the Episcopal Church? What were the consequences? What did you do to foster cooperation and understanding between your parish and your bishop and diocese?

Question 3: St. Boniface Episcopal Church values the tradition of being a welcoming, inclusive, and spiritual home for Christians from all parts of the spectrum.

What specific and recent experiences in your current parish can you draw upon which would potentially enhance, strengthen, and safeguard this St. Boniface tradition? Please highlight your participation in these experiences along with their concomitant results.

Question 4: St. Boniface is very fortunate in having multiple resources, some of which include an active and energetic population, ongoing relationships with community outreach agencies, and an onsite counseling center.

Please explain the results of your involvement with initiating and maintaining outreach programs.

DUE DATE: All requested materials, above, are due no later than June 1, 2012.

SUBMIT ALL MATERIALS TO:

Saint Boniface's Search Committee Chair, Doug Francis, by email to search@bonifacechurch.org or mail

MAILING ADDRESS:

Search Committee
Saint Boniface Episcopal Church
5615 Midnight Pass Road
Sarasota, FL 34242

SEARCH PROCESS:

1. We will acknowledge, via email, your submission within 4 days of receipt. Initial communications with prospective candidates will be treated with total confidentiality.
2. Your submission will be reviewed, and notification will be made regarding continued discernment in our process within six weeks.
3. Those continuing in the process will be asked to complete an additional set of questions for review. Other materials may be requested throughout the process.
4. Telephone interviews will be conducted with those candidates with whom the Search Committee chooses to go further.
5. Criminal and background checks will be conducted by the Diocese of Southwest Florida, and references and other information sources may be contacted for selected candidates.
6. Visits to home parishes of select candidates may be made.
7. One or more final candidate(s) will be invited to visit St. Boniface Church and will meet with the Search Committee and a representative of the diocese.
8. The Vestry makes the final decision and submits this to the bishop for final approval.