

Baptismal Promise #1 – Worship!

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching, in the prayers, in the fellowship and in the breaking of bread?

Your Bishop expects you to:

- Go to Church
- Read the Bible
- Pray
- Be in Community

In return your Bishop will:

- Visit All Parishes
- Strengthen and grow Diaconal program to aid in implementation of Diocesan mission.
- Allocate financial and educational resources where needed
- Support clergy so that they can support you.
 - Face to face meetings, email, telephone
 - Involvement with Clericus Meetings
- Regular visitation and consultation with vestries, especially for parishes in crisis.
- Implement Diocesan Church Development Institute (DCDI) [May 12 Clergy Day]

Baptismal Promise #2 – Reflect!

Will you persevere in resisting evil and whenever you fall into sin repent and return to the Lord?

Your Bishop expects you to:

- Engage in a life of prayer that focuses on examining your life in relationship to God.
- Follow a Rule of Life that supports your vocation and God's will for you.
- If it seems appropriate, make use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (“All may, some should, none must.”)

In return your Bishop will:

- Pray for you and the clergy who lead you
- Provide teaching on Prayer and Rule of Life
- Maintain my own prayer and Rule of Life (which includes use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation)

Baptismal Promise #3– Proclaim!

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of Jesus Christ?

Your Bishop expects you to:

- Know your story and practice telling it.
- Participate in DCDI.
- Practice Proclamation in both word and deed.

In return your Bishop will:

- Implement DCDI and be present at every training
- Offer “Open Office Hours”
- Meet with clergy in each convocation for lunch
- Offer training in Evangelism(Proclamation)
- Diocesan Task Force on Evangelism(Proclamation)

Baptismal Promise #4– Love!

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

Your Bishop expects you to:

- Engage in ongoing renewal of your relationship to God and your relationship to others.
- Talk to other Christians about what God is calling you to do for your neighbor.
- Then do it! Do what you love to do! Do what God is calling you to do!

In return your Bishop will:

- Use “Open Office Hours” for brain-storming and listening
- Allocate financial and educational resources
- Facilitate Asset Mapping of services offered by parishes in diocese

Baptismal Promise #5– Work!

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

Your Bishop expects you to:

- Avoid engaging in polarizing politics
- Educate yourself and become passionate
- Participate in issues that you are passionate about.

In return your Bishop will:

- Actively support racial reconciliation, particularly through “Repairers of the Breach”
- Establish Diocesan Care of Creation Task Force
- Remain continually educated regarding issues of social justice