



DIocese OF SOUTH CAROLINA VISITATION CUSTOMARY 2015

1. DEADLINE: COMPLETE AND RETURN THE VISITATION QUESTIONNAIRE 4-6 WEEKS IN ADVANCE OF THE VISITATION. THIS ENABLES THE BISHOP TO PROPERLY PLAN AND PREPARE.
2. OVERNIGHT ACCOMODATIONS: IF THAT REQUIRES OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS, THE PARISH IS ASKED TO MAKE THOSE ARRANGEMENTS ON THE BISHOP'S BEHALF.
3. PROTOCOL: APPROPRIATE LITURGICAL COLORS FOR THE OCCASION ARE EITHER THE COLOR OF THE SEASON (ESPECIALLY DURING LENT, ADVENT, EASTER, OR THE WHITE OF BAPTISM, RED FOR CONFIRMATION IS ALSO PERMISSIBLE). PLEASE INDICATE YOUR CHOICE AND ANY VESTMENT PREFERENCE ON THE QUESTIONNAIRE. IF THERE IS A DEACON ASSIGNED TO THE PARISH HE OR SHE SHOULD ASSIST AS BISHOP'S CHAPLAIN. WHEN NOT PRESENT ANOTHER PERSON MAY BE ASSIGNED FOR THIS ROLE (WHERE NEEDED THE BISHOP WILL INSTRUCT THIS PERSON ON HIS OR HER ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES).
4. BISHOP'S DISCRETIONARY FUND: IT IS CUSTOMARY THAT THE OPEN PLATE OFFERING (OR SOME ALTERNATIVE AMOUNT PREVIOUSLY DETERMINED BY THE VESTRY) BE DESIGNATED FOR THE BISHOP'S DISCRETIONARY FUND. THOSE FUNDS SHOULD BE CONVEYED AFTER THE VISITATION AND AT THE CONVENIENCE OF THE PARISH TREASURER.
5. COMPLETE THE ENTIRE FORM: WHERE MULTIPLE SERVICES ARE PLANNED DURING A VISIT, PLEASE INDICATE THE TIME AND NATURE OF EACH SERVICE (I.E. HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I OR II, CONFIRMATION, ETC...) ON THE QUESTIONNAIRE. THE BISHOP WILL NORMALLY PREACH AT ALL SERVICES AND CELEBRATE WHERE APPROPRIATE.
6. **CONFIRMATION, NOT BAPTISM**: A REMINDER TO CLERGY-AS STATED AT THE CLERGY RENEWAL OF VOWS SERVICE 2014—IT IS THE BISHOP'S PREFERENCE FOR HIS ANNUAL VISITATION TO HAVE ONLY THE LITURGY FOR CONFIRMATION—BAPTISMS CAN BE SCHEDULED AT THE CONVENIENCE OF THE PARISH CLERGY AT ALTERNATE DATE, NOT REQUIRING THE BISHOP TO BE PRESENT
7. CONFIRMATION FORM (PAGE 3): ALSO TO BE RETURNED AFTER THE VISITATION IS THE ATTACHED FORM INDICATING WHO HAS BEEN PRESENTED FOR CONFIRMATION, RECEPTION AND REAFFIRMATION. ESTIMATES OF THE NUMBER ANTICIPATED SHOULD BE REPORTED AHEAD OF TIME ON THE QUESTIONNAIRE.
8. OTHER QUESTIONS: ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THE BISHOP'S SCHEDULE AND THE CUSTOMARIES OF AN EPISCOPAL VISIT SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO MRS. BETH SNYDER AT THE DIOCESAN HOUSE (843-722-4075).

VISITATION QUESTIONNAIRE

(Please return to the Bishop's Office **4-6 weeks in advance**)

General Information

Church Name: _____ Priest's Cell Phone: _____

Date of Visitation: _____

Saturday Information

- Hotel Accommodations made at: _____
- Telephone Number of Hotel: _____
- Restaurant (Saturday evening) where appropriate: _____
- Time: _____

Sunday Information

Times of Services:

First Service:	Time _____	Rite _____
Second Service:	Time _____	Rite _____
Third Service:	Time _____	Rite _____
Sunday School:	Time _____	
Other _____:	Time _____	

Approximate number for:

Confirmation _____ Reception _____
Reaffirmation _____

Vestments Desired (Rochet & Chimere; Cope & Mitre; etc): _____

Color: (choices: color of the season or red) _____

Deacon or Person assigned as Bishop's Chaplain : _____ (see #3 on prior page)

Propers BCP or RCL:

Old Testament _____

Psalm _____

Epistle _____

Gospel _____

A change for the Propers of the Day requires permission!

Note from the Bishop: I am glad to lead an Adult Forum, meet with Confirmands and their families, or teach an Adult Class as is appropriate given the time frame of the morning or evening visitation.

Any other information I might need to know? _____

LIST OF PERSONS CONFIRMED

Please return this form to the Bishop's Office the week after your Annual Visitation with the Bishop:

Mrs. Beth Snyder
Assistant to the Bishop
Diocese of South Carolina
P.O. Box 20127
Charleston, SC 29413-0127

Date _____

Presented by the Reverend _____

By Bishop Mark Joseph Lawrence,

In _____ Church, _____, SC

Please list in alphabetical order. Give full Christian name, Place Mrs. in front of names of married women.

For Confirmation

Last Name

Christian Name

Age

for Reception

Previous Denomination

for Reaffirmation