



## Petition Nomination for the Election of the Bishop of New Jersey

*Nominating a priest by petition to the Process to Elect the 13th Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey.*

*The Bishop Search and Nomination Committee has labored for more than a year to produce a profile for the Diocese, receive nominations, vet candidates, check references, review background checks and meet with candidates both electronically and in person. In addition, the Committee has spent many hours in prayer and discernment to produce the Slate for the election of the next bishop. The Canons of the Diocese of New Jersey allow for a period of reflection, prayer and discernment before the final slate is closed, and this is called the Petition Process. During these thirty days, the members of the Diocese may reflect on the published Slate and determine if the Slate shall stand alone, or if others might be added to that Slate. The following are the requirements for adding a petition candidate to the Slate. All forms and other documents must be submitted to the Bishop Search Committee via email ([search@dioceseofnj.org](mailto:search@dioceseofnj.org)) by 5 p.m., Eastern Time, on November 29, 2022. All documents must be complete at the time of submission. The Bishop Search and Nomination Committee will announce to the Diocese, after completing a rigorous evaluation process, any qualified petition nominees.*

Canon 9, Sec. 7 of the Canons of the Diocese of New Jersey require that each petition candidate be nominated by at least two members of at least five Convocations of the Diocese. The Committee will be requiring one Lay Person and one Member of the Clergy as nominators from each Convocation. Clergy nominators must be canonically resident in the Diocese, and lay nominators must qualify as voters in their Congregation pursuant to Diocesan Canon 50: baptized, at least sixteen years of age, of good moral character, adhering to The Episcopal Church and to no other religious body, regular attendants at church services in said Congregation, and regular contributors of record to the current expenses of the Congregation. All nominators must identify their Congregation and Convocation, give their contact information and certify their qualifications as nominators. The nominee may not be one of the nominators. At least two of the nominators must attach a statement of up to 500 words as to their reasons for nominating this candidate now, in response to the published Slate of the Bishop Search and Nomination Committee. The Bishop Search and Nomination Committee may publish these statements. All forms and documents must be submitted together at one time by the nominee or one of the nominators.

No person who has previously been considered by the Bishop Search and Nomination Committee may be nominated by petition. No current or past members of the Bishop Search and Nomination Committee for the 13th Bishop of New Jersey or the Transition Committee may serve as a nominator or as a reference for a nominee. No nominator may serve as a reference.

Each nominee shall produce the following documents with the nomination form:

1. A current, two-page resume
2. An updated Office of Transition Ministry Portfolio
3. A photograph of the nominee (head shot only)
4. A list of (non-nominator) references (with contact information), in addition to those listed on the OTM Portfolio, to include the following:
  - a. Four Lay Persons who are voting members of a Congregation in the Diocese of New Jersey, two of which must not be members of the nominee's current congregation or ministry.



- b. Four Members of the Clergy:
  - i. Two Priests canonically resident in the Diocese of New Jersey, one of which must not be a member of the nominee's Convocation.
  - ii. At least one Deacon canonically resident in the Diocese of New Jersey.
  - iii. One Priest or Deacon from another Diocese of The Episcopal Church.
5. A signed statement by the nominee indicating that the nominee has conveyed to the Bishop of her/his diocese the intention to be considered as a candidate to be the 13<sup>th</sup> Bishop of New Jersey.
6. A personal, two-minute video introducing oneself, why you are seeking to become the Bishop of New Jersey and the reason for being nominated now, in response to the published Slate of the Bishop Search and Nomination Committee. A telephone camera video is acceptable.
7. A written answer of no more than 500 words to the following question: "What draws you to be considered for the 13<sup>th</sup> Bishop of New Jersey?"
8. Written consent to submit to a background check by Oxford Document Management, St. Paul, MN.
9. A statement to abide by all the communication restrictions and requirements established by the Bishop Search and Nomination Committee and the Transition Committee regarding the episcopal election process from the submission of the nomination documents to the end of the Electing Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey.
10. A copy of a certificate or letter indicating completion of anti-racism training.

Each nominee shall meet, (electronically or in person), with the Chancellor of the Diocese of New Jersey to answer the Behavioral Screening Questionnaire. This shall be concluded by December 21, 2022.

Each nominee shall meet, (electronically), with the Very Rev. Ronald Clingenpeel, Elections Consultant to the Diocese of New Jersey, to review best practices for candidates and nominees in the Search Process. This shall be concluded by December 21, 2022.



## Nomination Document Package Cover Sheet

Nominee:

Current Cure:

Office Address:

Home Address:

Email Address:

Office Telephone Number:

Home Telephone Number:

Cellphone Telephone Number:

Diocese of Canonical Residence:



**#1**

Nominator's Name:

Nominator's Order (check one):  Lay  Deacon  Presbyter

Nominator's Congregation:

Nominator's Convocation:

Email Address:

Telephone Number:

If a Member of the Clergy, I certify that I am canonically resident in the Diocese of New Jersey, and if a Lay Person, I certify that I am a voting member of my Congregation listed above.

Nominator's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



#2

Nominator's Name:

Nominator's Order (check one):  Lay  Deacon  Presbyter

Nominator's Congregation:

Nominator's Convocation:

Email Address:

Telephone Number:

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Nominator's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



#3

Nominator's Name:

Nominator's Order (check one):  Lay  Deacon  Presbyter

Nominator's Congregation:

Nominator's Convocation:

Email Address:

Telephone Number:

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Nominator's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



#4

Nominator's Name:

Nominator's Order (check one):  Lay  Deacon  Presbyter

Nominator's Congregation:

Nominator's Convocation:

Email Address:

Telephone Number:

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Nominator's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



#5

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Nominator's Convocation:

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Telephone Number:

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Nominator's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_





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Nominator's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



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Nominator's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



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Telephone Number:

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Nominator's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



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Email Address:

Telephone Number:

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Nominator's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



#10

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Nominator's Order (check one):  Lay  Deacon  Presbyter

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Nominator's Convocation:

Email Address:

Telephone Number:

If a Member of the Clergy, I certify that I am canonically resident in the Diocese of New Jersey, and if a Lay Person, I certify that I am a voting member of my Congregation listed above.

Nominator's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



## Nominee Statements

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. I have been in contact, personally, with my Bishop (or if my Diocese of canonical residence has no current Bishop Diocesan, my Ecclesiastical Authority) and indicated my desire to be a petition candidate for the 13th Bishop of New Jersey.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Nominee Signature

2. I consent to an Oxford Document Management background check, and any other background checks that are necessary to be a Nominee for the 13th Bishop of New Jersey.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Nominee Signature

3. I promise to abide by the rules of the Bishop Search and Nomination Committee and the Transition Committee regarding the discernment and election of the 13th Bishop of New Jersey, to include, but not be limited to, the following:
  - a. No private campaigning: campaign events, including dinners or other social events; no personal telephone calls or private meetings with electors or their associates to promote ones' candidacy; no publication of campaign materials.
  - b. To participate in the Meet and Greet Sessions hosted by the Transition Committee
  - c. To refrain from answering private emails and telephone calls (including texts) regarding my candidacy and any of my thoughts, ideas, or concerns, regarding my candidacy for the 13th Bishop of New Jersey. I will present all those thoughts, ideas, and concerns at the published Meet and Greet sessions hosted by the Transition Committee.
  - d. To keep in contact with my shepherd and the chair of the Transition Committee.
  - e. To not criticize or disparage any candidate in this process.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Nominee Signature

4. I have read the Profile for the Election of the 13th Bishop of New Jersey.

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Nominee Signature



5. The Diocese of New Jersey has established the following minimum criteria for the next Bishop:

- Minimum age of 30.
- In ordained ministry for seven years; serving in parish ministry five years.
- The completion of anti-racism training, with a preference toward those who actively lead or take part in anti-racism programs or ministries.
- We encourage the disclosure of any history of addiction and recovery.

I hereby affirm that I meet these requirements:

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Nominee Signature

6. Attached to or accompanying these statements are (a) the ten signed nomination forms, including the required statements from two of the nominators, (b) my resumé, (c) my updated Office of Transition Ministry Portfolio, (d) a listing of eight references with contact information as required by the Bishop Search and Nomination Committee (none of whom are nominators or OTM references), (e) my statement on “What draws you to be considered for the 13th Bishop of New Jersey?”, (f) a copy of my certification of anti-racism training, (g) my photograph, and (h) my two-minute video of self-introduction.