December 12, 2023

Our colleagues in Christ:

Please find the 2024 schedule for bishops’ visits [**here**](https://diocesela.org/bishops-visitation-schedule/). To facilitate your long-term planning, we are also working on the 2025 schedule and hope to have it ready by summer of 2024. If you must change a date, please contact a church being visited by the same individual, propose a swap, and report any changes to me at [aurquidi@ladiocese.org](mailto:aurquidi@ladiocese.org).

If you have candidates ready for confirmation in 2024 but no bishop visitation scheduled, or you do have a visit scheduled but don’t want to wait, please remember the all-diocese service planned at St. John’s Cathedral on Saturday, May 4.

Prior to your visit, kindly provide the traditional pre-visit checklist (attached) at least two weeks before the visit. A confirmation participation list is also provided for the sake of diocesan records. Please fill out this list after the bishop's visit and include all those who were confirmed in or received into this branch of Christ's Church and those who reaffirmed their baptismal vows and mail it to St. Paul’s Commons, marked to my attention. In addition to the information on the pre-visit checklist, your visitor will need the bulletin for the Sunday of the visit as well as the most recent issue of your newsletter. The diocesan tradition of asking churches to use the propers for the Sunday rather than the confirmation lections has been for the sake of churches that don’t want to break the continuity of the lectionary. If you would prefer to use the confirmation readings when a bishop is coming, please feel free. If you have any questions about the visitation schedule or process, please reach out to me by phone (213.482.2040, ext. 270) or email ([aurquidi@ladiocese.org](mailto:aurquidi@ladiocese.org)). Thank you for your leadership and faith and devoted service to the people of God during these trying times.

Yours in Christ’s love,

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