

## Petition Process for the 12<sup>th</sup> Bishop of the Diocese of Louisiana

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Louisiana announces that the Petition Process for the next Bishop of Louisiana will be open from Friday, April 1, 2022 (the day that the Slate of Candidates is announced) through Friday, April 8, 2022. The Petition Process is the means by which a qualified person, who is not currently part of the Slate, can be nominated for inclusion on the Slate of Candidates. Note: The Petition Process replaced “nominations from the floor” about 25 years ago.

A qualified person is any priest or bishop in good standing of the Episcopal Church who:

- has obtained the age of 30 years
- has been ordained a minimum of seven (7) years
- if recovering from an addiction, has had ten (10) years of continuous sobriety and is actively working a program of recovery

No candidate will be excluded because of sex, race, color, ethnic origin, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or disabilities.

A Petition Process candidate must be nominated by:

- a primary nominator
- a Bishop nominator
- three lay co-nominators from three parishes and representing at least two Deaneries
- three clergy co-nominators from three parishes and representing at least two Deaneries

Nominator, nominee, and co-nominators may sign separate nomination forms which may then be submitted as part of the package by the nominee. The nominee must give consent to be considered as a candidate on the nomination form.

The completed Petition Process application package should include:

- Cover letter
- Petition Process Nomination Form(s) including consent and release
- Application form including:
  - Full name
  - Social Security Number
  - Driver’s License Number /State ID Number and State of Issue
  - Name of Spouse /Partner (if applicable)
  - Address of Self/Spouse or Partner for last 10 years
  - Employment history for Self/Spouse or Partner for last 10 years
  - Name and ages of children (if applicable)
- Curriculum vitae
- Copy of current Office of Transition Ministry (OTM) portfolio (downloaded)
- Names and contact information (phone and e-mail) for all bishops under whom nominee has served

- Names and contact information (phone and e-mail) for references of those with whom nominee is serving (Wardens, clergy, staff, organist, Stewardship and other program chairs)
- Recommendation letters from one clergy, one lay person, and one long-time friend or colleague not connected with The Episcopal Church
- Answers to the following questions used in the Search Process:

What has led you to respond to this petition process for nomination to be the 12<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Louisiana?

Describe your passion for mission and ministry.

One of the challenges that our denomination faces is an aging population. What are your ideas for motivating the next generation of clergy leaders?

Almost two years have been spent in struggles with the COVID pandemic and the many social, political, and economic challenges it brought to the forefront. How have you fostered unity among individuals of differing values and diverse opinions? Where do you see hope springing forward in The Episcopal Church?

The completed Petition package must be delivered by 5:00 p.m. on April 8, 2022 via e-mail in pdf format to the President of the Standing Committee, The Rev. John Sloan Miller at [jsloanmiller@cox.net](mailto:jsloanmiller@cox.net)

**DIOCESE OF LOUISIANA PETITION PROCESS  
NOMINATION FORM  
FOR BISHOP DIOCESAN**

**NOMINEE'S INFORMATION**

Full Name:

Current Position:

Address:

Daytime phone:

Cell phone:

E-mail address:

I consent to nomination for consideration as the Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Louisiana.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

**PRIMARY NOMINATOR'S INFORMATION**

Full Name:

Address:

Parish:

Daytime phone:

Cell phone:

E-mail address:

**How long and in what capacity have you known this person? (Maximum 350 words) *You may attach a separate page for answers.***

**After reviewing the profile, please give a brief explanation of why you believe the nominee may have the gifts and calling to be the Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Louisiana.  
(Maximum 500 words)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Date\_\_\_\_\_

**This Nomination is signed by:**

**Bishop nominator:**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Diocese: \_\_\_\_\_

**1<sup>st</sup> Lay co-nominator:**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_ Deanery: \_\_\_\_\_

**2<sup>nd</sup> Lay co-nominator**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_ Deanery: \_\_\_\_\_

**3<sup>rd</sup> Lay co-nominator**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_ Deanery: \_\_\_\_\_

**1<sup>st</sup> Clergy co-nominator**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_ Deanery: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Canonical Position: \_\_\_\_\_

**2<sup>nd</sup> Clergy co-nominator**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_ Deanery: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Canonical Position: \_\_\_\_\_

**3<sup>rd</sup> Clergy co-nominator**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_ Deanery: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Canonical Position: \_\_\_\_\_

**Consent and Release of the Nominee**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby consent to my name being placed in nomination for the position of Bishop of the Diocese of Louisiana, and I hereby authorize the Diocese of Louisiana and/or its assigns to carry out any investigation(s) of me they may deem necessary for this purpose. This includes but is not limited to professional licenses, criminal records, civil litigation docket, motor vehicle records, educational transcripts, credit reports and a reference check with all prior employers, other acquaintances, personal references, and public records. In this connection, I hereby authorize all prior employers, supervisors, bishops and other persons whom the Diocese of Louisiana believes may have relevant information to discuss and disclose to the diocesan representatives all information with respect to me and my background. I hereby release and agree to hold harmless all such persons and the Diocese of Louisiana and its representatives from any and all damages, claims and other liabilities whatsoever that may accrue to me or my family, heirs or assigns by reason of or in connection with such investigations or disclosures.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Drivers License/State ID Number & State of Issue: \_\_\_\_\_

In consideration of my participating in the nomination and election process:

1. I will not engage in lobbying or campaigning at the individual, parish, regional or diocesan level.
2. I hereby release, hold harmless, and forever discharge (including my waiver of the right to assert a claim now or in the future against) the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana and members of the Committee together with their subcommittees, consultants, agents and other members of the Diocese who seek to obtain and consider information in the nomination and election process, and those who provide such information, from all liabilities, claims, demands, losses, or damages which may or could arise from my participation in the nomination and election process.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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