

Dear Clergy,

Please find, attached, the visitation schedule for the next two-year cycle beginning in September of this year, 2023. You may remember that at the beginning of this cycle we are switching to a start date in September to align with the program year of the parishes and to accommodate the scheduling that was necessary around my spring/summer 2023 sabbatical.

I'm looking forward to worshipping with you and would like to remind you of these important points:

- Please fill out the Visitation Form, Church Officers and Vestry Members Form and Confirmation Form (now available as Microsoft Word fillable forms online) and submit them at least a month before the date of the visitation. You can find the forms under Visitation here: <https://diocesecpa.org/clergyresources/>
- Please schedule a phone call with me through my assistant, Nichol Free, for us to catch up in the month before my visit. Because of my travel schedule, this call might not always be in the week immediately preceding the visitation. This call is helpful for me as I plan my sermon and the Vestry visit. It is also a time for us to visit and talk about your life and ministry. I look forward to these calls.
- If the timing of confirmations and receptions in your parish does not line up with the time of my visitation, there are three options for you: 1) switch visitation dates with another parish and notify Nichol; 2) have your confirmands attend another service nearby where I will be visiting and confirming; 3) talk with the Clergy Convenor of your Convocation to plan for a regional confirmation on the date scheduled for your area.

The opportunity for me to worship with you and your congregations is an important part of my role as bishop and an icon of the unity that we share in Christ across the diocese. Please know that I keep you in prayer as you minister in your parishes. Please do not hesitate to let me know if there is an important event or pastoral matter in the parish that would benefit from my special attention.

I'm looking forward to seeing you!

+Audrey