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Dear friends and colleagues:

I am writing to announce the appointment of the Very Rev. Virginia Mazarella as the Chaplain to the Search Process for our Ninth Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester.



The chaplain is indeed a unique role in the process but does not involve themselves in elections and remains a neutral and confidential presence for all concerned.

The chaplain:

- Provides pastoral care to all committee members in the process as needed.
- Provides pastoral care to candidates as needed.
- Provides pastoral care to standing committee as needed.
- Provides pastoral care to anyone in the diocese with concerns about the process as needed.
- Leads worship for candidates.
- Preaches at the electing convention.
- Invites the committees to a prayerful process.
- Encourages diocesan prayer during the process.

We give thanks to Ginny and her willingness to say “yes” to this very important role in our process. Let us surround her with our prayerful support and love.

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