

January 11, 2010

To Clergy and Wardens of Fort Worth

Dear Friends,

With this letter I am enclosing a visitation schedule for the first six months of 2010. Including the visits I did in November and December, I will get to celebrate with all of the parishes and faith communities in the Diocese by the end of June. It is my hope to be able to be in every congregation at least twice by the end of 2010, either for a Sunday morning or mid-week visit. I want you to know that I welcome invitations to come to any and all social gatherings as well as the regular worship schedule whether that corresponds to a visitation or not. When I do visit on a Sunday morning, I plan to be present for all of the services. For a regular visit, if Confirmation and/or Baptism are planned, I want to meet with the candidates for a time, either on Saturday or Sunday morning before the time of worship. Also for regular visitations I will want to meet with the vestry and have some time for conversation about life in the parish, plans for the future and how the leadership of the Diocese might facilitate our life together. If there is some conflict with your date on the visitation schedule, please let me know, and we will work to swap dates with another congregation.

I also want you to know that I will make myself available for Confirmation on almost any evening that I am in town, should that be your desire. For the parishes and faith communities not meeting in your own buildings at present, this may be more of a challenge, but I am convinced that we can figure out something to make this work.

I want to reiterate that I am here as your servant. Together we are called to lead the people of God as witnesses of the Resurrection life which we have been so richly provided.

In Christ,

The Rev. C. Wallis Ohl, Jr.
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