

# ADVICE TO NOMINEES

The process of selecting a new Bishop of Toronto is governed by *The Constitution* of the Diocese which requires that an Electoral Synod be held. *The Constitution* further requires that a Nominations Committee chaired by the Chancellor and composed of 3 members of the clergy and 3 lay members of Synod, as selected by the Chancellor, governs the process leading up to the Electoral Synod.

The Nominations Committee is mindful of the fact that the selection process is one of prayerful discernment of God's Spirit and will for the Diocese of Toronto and to that end has developed the following advice for nominees in the period leading up to the Electoral Synod.

- 1** Nominees and their advisors should address all questions or suggestions related to the process leading up to and the Electoral Synod itself to the Chancellor and/or the Secretary of Synod. Questions and suggestions must not be sent to other Synod office staff. (Synod office staff are instructed not to respond. They will provide suggestions and questions as requested by the Chancellor or Secretary of Synod.)
- 2** Nominees are reminded that it is for the Nominations Committee to determine whether any conflicts of interest arise during the discernment process. Any concerns in this regard should be brought to the attention of the Chancellor or Secretary of Synod, privately, for review and consideration. The Nominations Committee will then take any steps that may be appropriate.
- 3** The names of persons who have nominated individuals for the role of Bishop of Toronto will be made public. Nominees are strongly discouraged from discussing publicly why particular nominators made the choices they did and are reminded that as a potential future Bishop of Toronto they may one day have Episcopal oversight over all nominators and nominees.
- 4** The Nominations Committee encourages the nominees to consider the following verses from Galatians 5:22-23, 26:

<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, <sup>23</sup> meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

<sup>26</sup> Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

