

Dear Friends of the Diocese of Eau Claire,

The 94th Convention of the Diocese of Eau Claire will be on November 12 at Christ Church Cathedral in Eau Claire. Convention will be in person for the first time in since 2019. It will also be the first time since you invited me to be Bishop Provisional. I excited to be in person with you. I can imagine many of you are excited to be together again. Masking will be optional.

We will kick things off Friday evening, November 11 with Evening Prayer followed by a reception and fellowship.

Things will begin on Saturday morning with Eucharist with the address of the Bishop Provisional being part of the sermon. We will then move to the Guild Hall to continue the business of convention. Along with the usual business, this year's convention will include a presentation from some of those who have been working on aspects of the proposed reunion of the three dioceses of Wisconsin. There will be time then for small group discussion followed by some time for conversation together in plenary. We will end with Noon Prayer and aim to be done by 1:00.

Diocesan Convention is many things. We tend to the business of our common life as a diocese which includes voting for members of various diocesan bodies, approving the budget, and voting on any proposed resolutions. It is also an opportunity for a larger, representative portion of the diocese to gather for prayer and worship. It is an occasion to hear from the bishop about the state of the diocese and a vision for the coming year. And it is a sort of family reunion as members from around the diocese gather to see and be with each other again. All of this is good and important, but I am particularly looking forward to being with you in person.

Details regarding Convention involving registration, agenda, budget, and other matters will be coming soon. I hope that you will attend one of the pre-Convention hearings prior to Convention. These will all be via Zoom this year. This is the place to and learn about the budget, any resolutions, and about those running for elected positions. In short, attending the pre-Convention hearings is how you go to Convention informed. Here is the pre-Convention schedule:

Hearing #1: Oct 18, 2022 06:00 PM

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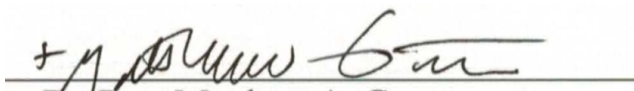
Hearing #2: Oct 22, 2022 09:00 AM

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I look forward to seeing you in person at the Cathedral.
Under the Mercy,



Matthew Gunter
Bishop Provisional of Eau Claire