



The Cathedral Church of St. Paul

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Dear Cathedral Members,

I am pleased to announce that I have appointed, with the Chapter's affirmation, the next dean of the Cathedral of St. Paul the Apostle, Fond du Lac. He is the Rev. Patrick Perkins. Fr. Perkins is currently rector of St. Mary's Kansas City. He comes to us with a track record of building up a congregation leading to growth in members, stewardship, and ministry. He is a graduate of Nashotah House and has a reputation for being a good preacher and teacher as well as being a fine liturgist. He has been a leader in the Diocese of West Missouri. He is a trained musician. The Chapter and I believe Fr. Perkins to have the gifts and experience to lead the Cathedral into new life.

Fr. Patrick is married to Ezgi Saribay Perkins who is also a priest and graduate of Nashotah House. She has an impressive reputation in her own right. She grew up in Turkey in a nominally Muslim family and converted to Christianity while a college student in Missouri. She is also a fine priest, preacher, and liturgist. She is also a trained musician. Mthr Perkins will serve the Cathedral in the position of Associate for Ministry.

Your Chapter and I are very excited about this call and the promise it represents. There is much that is already good about the Cathedral. But, we need to commit ourselves to growth and reaching out to the community. There is much potential for growth in members and budget, as well as the spiritual growth of each member. I expect Fr. Perkins to lead us into that growth and a hope-filled future for the Cathedral.

But, Fr. Patrick cannot do it alone. Fr. Patrick and Mthr. Ezgi together cannot do it alone. We will be counting on you to dedicate yourselves to working, serving, and learning for the sake of that growth. More especially, dedicate yourselves to your own growth in Christ.

I want to thank Fr. Ed Smith for the great work he has done as the Interim Dean. He has been a gift to the Cathedral and I appreciate his faithful service in helping to prepare the way for the new dean.

Fr. Perkins is hoping to be here for the Annual Meeting on January 28th which is also when we will be celebrating the Conversion of St. Paul which is our Patronal Feast.

More information will be coming about welcoming Fr. Patrick and Mthr. Ezgi. In the meantime keep them in your prayers and pray for the future of the Cathedral of St. Paul. You are all in my prayers.

Under the Mercy,

The Rt. Rev. Matthew Gunter
VIII Bishop of Fond du Lac

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