

## Elections **Process to Elect the 11th Bishop of Indianapolis**

Following the Eucharist on Friday, 28 October 2016, all lay delegates from our forty-eight parishes and all active and retired clergy canonically resident in the Diocese of Indianapolis will cast their vote to elect the 11<sup>th</sup> Bishop of the Diocese of Indianapolis.

### ***What about the ban on phones during the Election?***

This question has received a significant amount of interest at the pre-convention deanery meetings. Simply put, there will be no enforceable ban on phones/tablets/etc during the election process.

To successfully do this would require the logging and checking in of numerous devices prior to the election beginning. Neither the Transition Committee nor Christ Church Cathedral wants to assume the liability of holding these devices during the election. We are asking the household to consider the holy process we will be undertaking that day as we elect the next bishop of this diocese.

We ask that all gathered and voting in the election to exercise restraint and responsible use of technology during this sacred event in the life of the Church. If you or your delegation want to post a comment or picture as the election is beginning or during the waiting for results time (when there will be music/meditation/discernment occurring), we just ask that you use appropriate discretion.

Technology has changed and continues to change at a rapid pace. Part of the integration of technology and social media into the life of church, calls us all to pay attention to those times when it is appropriate and those times when the mystery and sacredness of an event calls for a restrained presence and use of social media until its completion.

Since you will have your phones with you, in the event of an emergency you would be able to be immediately notified and proceed accordingly.



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