

THE
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The Rt. Rev. W. Nicholas Knisely
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In honor of Rt. Rev. W. Nicholas Knisely's 10th Anniversary with the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island

My dear brother, Bishop Nicholas,

It is a real joy to write to congratulate you, to thank you, and to give God thanks for your 10th anniversary as Bishop of Rhode Island. What a joyous occasion! While I can't be there in person to share in the festivities with you all, please know that I will be praying prayers of thanksgiving and for God's continued blessings on your ministry in the days and years ahead.

Your faithfulness and devotion to the God's church is well known, and the quality of your leadership in church and community has truly been a witness to the way of Jesus of Nazareth.

We have seen this witness in your leadership in working for racial justice and reconciliation, your service at the intersections of faith and science where the good must be found and harm avoided, your leadership in the legislative and judicial councils of the church helping us to be a community in which all are safe and our best approximations of justice and fairness realized, and, above all, in your faithful and wise and bold articulation of the Good News of Jesus Christ and his way of love which is God's way of life meant for all.

Not only will you be in my prayers, but you are also in the prayers of a grateful Church that celebrates and give thanks for your ministry with the people of the Diocese of Rhode Island. I offer this prayer for you:

Gracious God, we thank you for the work and witness of your servant +Nick, who has enriched both the Diocese of Rhode Island and the world beyond it; bless, preserve, and guide him in the continued use of your gifts. Give him sustenance for temporal and spiritual needs, friends to cheer his way, and a clear vision of the ministry to which you are calling him. By your Holy Spirit, be present in his work, that he may always travel with the One who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May God bless you and keep you, always holding you in those Almighty hands of love. I remain

Your brother in Christ,



The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry
Presiding Bishop and Primate
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