



Consent and Authorization Form to be included with the Application for the Sixth Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Southwest Florida

Thank you for your willingness to offer yourself as a possible candidate to become our next bishop. We pledge to treat with confidentiality and respect all the information you provide as part of this process. In addition, we will keep in confidence all information we gather from references, background checks, previous employers, bishops, supervisors, and all other sources.

Mutual trust is essential for a successful discernment process. All members of the Bishop Search Committee have signed a pledge of absolute confidentiality regarding all information received regarding applicants for the 6th bishop of the diocese of Southwest Florida.

To ensure our mutual understanding of how we will treat the information you provide, please read and affirm the following statements.

- I authorize The Diocese of Southwest Florida, to whom I have submitted an application for the position of bishop diocesan, to check my references, to obtain information from my prior employers and dioceses, to take other actions to investigate any information provided in my employment application, and to obtain information relevant to evaluating my qualifications and fitness for the position of bishop diocesan.
- I authorize my listed references, past employers and dioceses in which I have served, and anyone else who has information about my work history, ministry, qualification, or fitness to provide such information to the Diocese of Southwest Florida.
- I release The Diocese of Southwest Florida and The Search Committee; all its officers, employees, and members; and all persons providing this information to The Diocese of Southwest Florida from any liability whatsoever for obtaining and providing that information, regardless of the results.

Applicant:

Witness:

Print Name

Print Name

Signature

Signature

Date

Date

Please scan and include a copy of this form with your Application Packet.

If you have any questions in this regard, either now or as the process develops, contact the Bishop Search Committee at applications@bishopsearchswfl.org