



# St James' Anglican Church

Carleton Place, Ontario

AREA PARISH OF MISSISSIPPI LAKE  
ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF OTTAWA

February 12, 2020

My dear friends,

By now you may have seen the announced list of candidates in the upcoming election of the next Bishop of Ottawa. The list was published Wednesday evening on the Diocesan website (<https://ottawa.anglican.ca/episcopal-election-2020>). If you haven't seen the list, I suppose I'm the one to tell you that I have been nominated as a candidate for Bishop.

I was approached in December and asked if I would agree to the nomination. I took some time, talked it over with Brenda, and prayed about my vocation as a minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I have no desire to leave Carleton Place, Franktown and Innisville. But it's the Synod's job to decide, and Holy Spirit's job to guide the Church. I felt I had to allow my name to be included so that both could happen.

This is a time of transition in our Parish. This month, Chapter and Vestry meetings are considering motions to expand the Area Parish of Mississippi Lake to include Christ Church Ashton. This announcement should not affect our decision. I trust that you will see beyond the particular circumstances and rely on God to provide whatever we need going forward.

I hope there is time for individual conversations over the next weeks and months with each and every one of you. I very much encourage you to drop by, call the office and invite me to your home for a chat. But for now, this letter will have to do. It will be my great pleasure to serve this parish in whatever capacity the Synod and Spirit decide. Meanwhile, day by day and Sunday by Sunday, I am dedicated to serving you, the people of God in this parish. I remain,

Your servant in Christ,

The Venerable Brian Kauk,  
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