



# *The Episcopal Diocese of Alaska*

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A Letter from the Standing Committee: Giving Thanks for Bishop Mark Lattime

Aug 31, 2026

Dear Beloved in Christ of the Diocese of Alaska,

At our Standing Committee meeting on August 21, 2026, Bishop Mark announced his intention to resign and retire from the office of Bishop Diocesan of Alaska and asked the Standing Committee to initiate a process to elect the 9th Bishop of Alaska at the October 2027 Diocesan Convention. The Presiding Bishop has scheduled February 26, 2028, for the ordination of the 9th Bishop of Alaska.

We give thanks for his faithful and loving service, for his deep care, steady leadership, and his compassionate witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are deeply grateful for the ways he has walked with us during these past 16 years, beginning his 17<sup>th</sup> year with us September 4<sup>th</sup>. He has been present with us, in times of joy and times of challenge, always encouraging us to grow more fully into the one body of Christ, through the sharing of our varied cultures, gifts, and ministries.

The months ahead will call our diocese into a time of prayer, discernment, and hope. As we begin this transition, the Standing Committee will undertake the sacred responsibility of guiding the process that will lead to the election and consecration of our next bishop. While this journey is only beginning, we are committed to conducting it with transparency, thoughtful communication, and openness to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We look forward to sharing regular updates as each stage of the process unfolds.

Today, we ask your prayers for Bishop Mark and his family, for the Standing Committee, and for the people of the Diocese of Alaska.

May God bless us in our work and in our rest, grant us wisdom and unity in the days ahead, and continue to surround us with the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Faithfully,

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Alaska

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