

Bishop Candidate Essay Questions

Please answer each of the following questions in 500 words or less. These must be submitted with the nomination form in a Word document.

1. Describe your relationship with Christ and tell us where you find abiding joy in the Gospel. How does that inform the way you live out the Gospel in your life and how you share your Christian faith with others?
2. The Diocese of Albany, at its Convention in 2007, passed a resolution which stated that it “affirms the sanctity of human life as a gift from God from conception to natural death.” As bishop, how would you interpret and teach about sanctity of life? What would be your pastoral approach to persons struggling with these issues?
3. The split dividing our diocese has left many scarred and grieving. How have you helped individuals move beyond their differences and find a common understanding that binds them?
4. How do you perceive yourself working with traditional/conservative clergy/laity and progressive clergy/laity to unify and bring them together for the common good of the diocese of Albany?
5. The EDOA has lost many clergy related to the B012 situation. What would be your plan to address these departures from the diocese? Do you believe that some of these relationships could be reconciled and if so, how would you go about addressing this possibility?
6. Canon 16 of the Canons of the Episcopal Diocese of Albany (EDOA) prohibits clergy resident or licensed to serve in the EDOA from officiating, facilitating, or clerically participating in the celebration or blessing of a same-sex marriage, and further restricts properties owned, controlled, managed, or operated by the EDOA or any parish of the EDOA, or their affiliate, from serving as the site of any celebration or blessing of a same-sex marriage or union. In contrast, General Convention Resolution No. 2018-B012 authorizes the continued use of rites to witness, celebrate and bless a same-sex marriage.

If elected Bishop Diocesan of the Episcopal Diocese of Albany, would you
 apply Diocesan Canon 16 on Marriage?
 apply General Convention Number 2018-B012?
Please explain