



Dear People of St. Paul & the Redeemer,

With great joy and anticipation, we share with you the good news that in this, our 50th anniversary year, the Reverend Catherine Healy has accepted our call to become the 7th and first female rector of the Church of St. Paul & the Redeemer. We readily agreed with the search committee's unanimous and enthusiastic recommendation, and Bishop Jeffrey Lee, who recently met with Catherine, has concurred in our discernment.

A native Chicagoan, Catherine currently serves as Assistant Rector for Youth and Family at St. Andrew's Church, Wellesley, Massachusetts. Her prior experience in church ministry spans 10 years and is broad and rich. She has worked for the Diocese of Oregon serving as Missioner with Youth, Young Adults and Higher Education. During her years as a seminarian at Harvard Divinity School, she interned at the dynamic and innovative Emmanuel Church, Boston and for two years served as Director of Children's and Youth Ministries at St. Paul's Church, Brookline, MA. In addition, Catherine has recently earned a certificate in Behavioral Health in Aging from the Boston University School of Social Work.

With your prayerful and attentive support, our search committee has worked diligently since March to bring us to this point. Thanks to your participation in the Church Assessment Tool and your candid sharing in small groups, they gained a clear sense of the attributes of the priest this community desired and it guided their work. Parishioners valued thoughtful preaching, strategic vision, pastoral care, appreciation of music, grounding in tradition, alignment with our progressive theology, commitment to diverse and democratic leadership, authenticity, and a good sense of humor. In the search committee's process of discernment, Catherine and her gifts increasingly emerged as especially apt for SPR, and for our sense of where God is nudging us to go.

In Catherine, the search committee recognized a priest with deep spirituality, a passion for social justice, a care for individuals, and a longing for the healing of the city. We thank them and the Holy Spirit for their work on our behalf. Catherine is looking forward to joining us for our Annual Meeting on January 27, with a start date of March 1, 2019. Please join us in joyfully welcoming Catherine, her wife Heather and their new baby Mary Clare to our community and the ministry we will share.

Thanks be to God,



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