



## Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania

February 1, 2018

Dear People of God,

By now you have learned that the Rev. David Canan will be retiring from Trinity, Ambler effective March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. I know that right now you must be going through a range of emotions like shock, grief and anxiety. The departure of your priest raises all kinds of questions about the future of your parish and of your place in it.

While I know that these feelings can be overwhelming right now, I want you to know that you will not have to face them alone. The Rev. David Canan, the Rev. Mary McCullough and your vestry are already hard at work to ensure a smooth transition.

Rev. Mary McCullough will remain with you as your Priest in Charge during this transition and she and your vestry will have the full support of our Canon for Transition Ministry, the Rev. Canon Arlette Benoit Joseph and our Canon to the Ordinary, the Rev. Canon Shawn Wamsley, and other diocesan staff and consultants to help them navigate this process as smoothly as possible. In the days to come, they will be meeting with your vestry and helping them to establish the way forward and I am confident that their wisdom, experience, and faith will be of great help to you.

But perhaps most importantly, I want to remind you that you are in God's hands. The Good Shepherd has guided you thus far and He will guide you through your priest's departure, through times of transition and ultimately will guide your discernment. God has already called your new Rector. Our work together is to discern, pray, listen, and allow that call to come to life in our church and in our lives.

In the meantime, please be assured that you are in my prayers and I look forward to walking this path with you as your Bishop and your servant in Christ.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel G.P. Gutiérrez", is written over a faint, circular watermark of the diocesan seal.

The Rt. Rev. Daniel G.P. Gutiérrez  
XVI Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania