

My brothers in Christ:

As you may remember, on each day of our meeting at General Convention we begin the afternoon session with private conversation, when only members of the House of Bishops are present. This is our opportunity to check in with our fellow bishops, consider our vows and norms, speak candidly with one other about a variety of matters, and to find space for approaches that may not be legislative.

I have received a request to discuss the matter of the amicus curiae brief in Texas and the affidavits in Illinois. I hope that you will be present for this on Friday this week. The afternoon session begins at 4:30 p.m. I will offer a brief outline at the beginning of this session, open the floor for brief responses from any of you who wish to speak (with our usual time limit of 2 minutes per speaker), then ask the House to have a discussion at tables, and close our private time together with another opportunity for plenary conversation. We will have public business to attend to on Friday as well, so we will have to limit this session to an hour, but we can take the matter up on a later afternoon if there is a desire to do so.

If any of you has a longer or previously prepared statement you'd like to communicate to the House, we can assist in that, by posting it on the College for Bishops website and/or by providing copies for each table. Please respond to this message if you would like that assistance.

I give thanks for your ministry, and pray that this Convention may be abundantly fruitful. I remain

Your Servant In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Katharine Jefferts Schori". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Katharine Jefferts Schori
Presiding Bishop and Primate