

Statement by the Very Reverend Peter Eaton
upon his election as Bishop Coadjutor
of the Diocese of Southeast Florida

January 31, 2015

Sisters and Brothers in Christ, dear Friends,

Kate and I are moved and humbled that you have chosen me to be your next bishop. I accept your election, and I am keenly aware in this moment of my own unworthiness for episcopal office. I shall strive every day to be worthy of the trust and confidence that you have placed in me today. I am particularly honored to be called to work with Bishop Frade, who, with his wife Diana, enjoys the respect and love not just of the Diocese of Southeast Florida, but of so many in our Church.

We also acknowledge with admiration and respect my fellow nominees and their spouses, who have given us all great encouragement by their willingness to offer themselves to this discernment. We extend thanks to the Search and Transition Committees, and the many others in our new Diocese, who have worked so hard during this discernment so far, and who will help ensure a smooth transition in episcopal leadership.

Kate y yo deseamos enviarles algunas palabras especiales de saludo a nuestras hermanas latinas y nuestros hermanos latinos, quienes son especialmente queridos y queridas por nosotros. Esperamos con mucho entusiasmo, estar entre ustedes y compartir su vida y ministerio.

[Kate and I wish to send some special words of greeting to our Latino sisters and brothers, who are specially dear to us. We look forward very much to being among you and to sharing your life and ministry.]

Nous tenons également à saluer la communauté haïtienne et francophone à qui nous transmettons l'assurance de notre soutien et de nos encouragements.

[We also greet our Francophone and Haitian community, and give to you the assurance of our support and encouragement.]

Kate and I send our love to you all, and assure you of our daily prayers and our eagerness to be among you. As you pray for us, please also pray for the community of Saint John's Cathedral, as they now look to their new future as well. We look forward to being with you soon.