

SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF ONTARIO NOMINATION FORM 2018

**Deadline September 5th, 2018*

I, The **REV. CANNON BLAIR PEEVER** of the Parish of **CHRIST CHURCH CATARAQUI** agree to let my name stand for nomination to (please select one or both):

DIOCESAN SYNOD COUNCIL

GENERAL SYNOD 2019

Tell us briefly about your faith experience.

My faith experience has been one of slowly and steadily growing closer to the God I had always known. I grew up in the Anglican Church and cannot remember a time that God was not a part of my life; although I have had times of feeling closer to and farther apart from God. Through some health issues in my late teens and early 20's I came to rely on Christ in a way that I had never before and found the strength that comes from knowing one's own lack of strength. Although I had felt called to the priesthood when I was 6 and then again when I was 12 I had for various reasons felt this was not possible but after a time of discernment and with the prayerful help of my wife I finally went to seminary and was ordained in 2002. It has been a privilege to serve in two parishes in the Diocese of Ontario since then and to witness first hand other people's faith journeys, and to raise my own children to know and love Christ. I have grown more in my own faith through these relationships than I ever would have thought possible.

What gifts, talents, abilities and skills would you bring to this ministry?

I believe I bring a prayerful and thoughtful faith to this ministry. I have the ability to listen to and respectfully engage with others, even when our opinions and beliefs differ; and I believe this to be a necessary skill for this particular time in the life of our church. Through my 23 years in this diocese as a lay person and as a priest; I believe I could represent well who we are as a Diocese, and how we work through difficult and challenging decisions together, at the national church level.

Please list your involvement in the life of the church (parish, diocese, province or national), as well as any other relative experience.

- Since I grew up in the church my involvement has had many different streams.
- I was a server when I was a child
- I taught Sunday School starting when I was 18 and was a member of Parish Council at St. Mark's Ottawa
- I was a lay reader in the parish of St. James Kemptville and a member of Parish Council there as well as a member of the Alpha team.
- I volunteered at Camp Hyanto while a parishioner in Kemptville and went on the chair the Camp Hyanto Committee after my ordination.
- I was actively involved in both the Leeds-Grenville and Quinte Regional Assemblies
- I was a Clergy representative on Synod Council
- I was a member of the Diocesan Evangelism Committee, and am currently on the Training and Development Committee and the Strategic Plan Implementation Committee as well as Canon in charge of the Diocesan Clergy Mentoring Program.
- I was Chaplain to Provincial Synod when it was held in Kingston in 2012
- I was Incumbent of the Parish of Kente and the Churches of St. John's, St. Alban's and St. Andrew's from my ordination in 2002 until January 1, 2007
- I am currently Incumbent of Christ Church Cataraqui in Kingston and have been since January 2, 2007
- I was appointed as a Canon of St. George's Cathedral in February 2016

On a personal note I have been on parent councils in my children's schools in Toronto, Wellington and Kingston and am currently Webmaster and President of the Kingston Ringette Association.

Signature Blair Peever

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