



August 27, 2025
Feast of St. Monica

The Right Reverend Darryl L. Fitzwater, Jr
Bishop, Diocese of All Saints
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Charles Town, WV 25414

MEMORANDUM CONCERNING IMPAIRED COMMUNION

To all the clergy within the Diocese of All Saints,

In keeping with the verbal directives of my predecessors, the Right Reverend William Ilgenfritz and the Right Reverend Richard Lipka, we continue in impaired Eucharist fellowship when a woman is vested as a Bishop, a Priest, or a Deacon at the Altar in the role of Celebrant, Con-Celebrant, or Gospeller. The entire Apostolic Ministry of Bishops, Priests, and Deacons each share in the specific ministry and Person of our Lord Jesus Christ and are therefore by necessity male. This is the clear and plain reading of Scripture, the trajectory within the Biblical narrative, the consensus teaching and practice of the Church, and is in keeping with the historic clarity of our Anglican Communion.

Sincerely,

The Right Reverend Darryl Fitzwater
Ordinary for the Diocese of All Saints
Anglican Church in North America

cc
Canon to the Ordinary (The Very Reverend Thomas Vece)
Administration (The Reverend Tanie Guy)
ACNA (The Most Reverend Stephen D. Wood)