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SOUTHEAST FLORIDA DIOCESE ELECTS THE VERY REV. PETER EATON AS BISHOP COADJUTOR

MIAMI, January 31, 2015 – The Very Rev. Peter Eaton, Dean of St. John’s Cathedral in Denver, Colorado, was elected as bishop coadjutor of the Diocese of Southeast Florida today with the majority vote of both clergy and lay delegates. Dean Eaton, 57, was elected during a special convention held at Trinity Cathedral in Miami. Out of six nominees, Dean Eaton was elected on the fourth ballot.

“I shall strive every day to be worthy of the trust and confidence that you have placed in me today,” reflects Fr. Eaton. “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.”

Fr. Eaton has held the position of Dean at St. John’s Cathedral since 2002. Dean Eaton earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1982 from King’s College, London, UK along with an Associate of King’s College in theology. In 1985 he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Theology from Queen’s College, Cambridge, UK, and in 1989 a Master of Arts. In 1986 he earned a Certificate in Theology from Wescott House, Cambridge UK (Seminary). From 1989 to 1991 he did graduate research in Early Christian history and literature at Magdalen College, Oxford, UK.

The other nominees were:

- The Rev. Dr. Michael J. Battle, 52, Interim Dean for Students and Community Life, Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, MA;
- The Very Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe, 53, Rector of St. Peter’s in the Woods Episcopal Church in Fairfax Station, Virginia;
- The Rev. Dr. John C. N. Hall, 57, Rector of St. Boniface Episcopal Church in Sarasota, Florida;
- The Rev. Dr. Allen F. Robinson, 45, Rector of St. James Episcopal Church in Baltimore, Maryland;
- The Rev. Canon Dr. Martin W. Zlatic, 59, Rector of St. Joseph’s Episcopal Church in Boynton Beach, Florida

A Bishop Coadjutor is elected to replace the diocesan bishop upon retirement. The Rt. Rev. Leopold Frade, the Third (and current) Diocesan Bishop will retire in January of 2016. At that time, pending the consent of the Standing Committees and the majority of bishops in the Episcopal Church, Dean Peter Eaton will be consecrated as the Bishop Coadjutor of Southeast Florida on Saturday, May 9, 2015 at Trinity Cathedral in Miami.

Detailed information can be found on the diocesan website: www.diosef.org.

The Episcopal Diocese of Southeast Florida includes 76 congregations, with approximately 38,000 parishioners, from Key West north to Jensen Beach and west to Clewiston. The mission of the Diocese of Southeast Florida is to make known to all people the transforming power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, including all, excluding none.