

**PETITION PROCESS APPLICATION FORM
FOR THE ELECTION OF THE 11th BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF MICHIGAN**

Please fill out the required fields and attach the required documents (.pdf form is strongly preferred), which, in addition to this petition process application form include:

- ◆ Completed petition nomination form
- ◆ Completed consent to nomination form
- ◆ Autobiographical sketch (limit of 300 words)
- ◆ OTM profile
- ◆ Resume
- ◆ Photograph (color, head and shoulders, suitable for publication)

All required materials should be emailed to petitions@edomi.org. Applications are due by 5:00 PM ET on March 18, 2019.

There are five essay questions that appear at the bottom of this form. We recommend you write and save your essay responses in another program and then paste them into this application to avoid losing them or inadvertently deleting them. Also, please be advised that it may not be possible to upload .pdf files from some mobile devices.

If you have questions or problems filling out this form, please contact the Standing Committee at petitions@edomi.org.

First Name

Last Name

Address

Current Position: _____

Preferred Phone Number: _____

Okay to leave a message?:

Yes

No

Preferred Email: _____

Short Essay Questions

Each answer is limited to 3000 characters -- roughly 500 words.

Please note that these answers may be shared publicly if you meet all the requirements of the petition process and therefore appear on the final slate of candidates.

Question 1: Based on your reading of our diocesan profile, what excites you most about leading this diocese and which of your spiritual gifts, talents and passions do you see as most relevant to the opportunities and challenges facing us?

Question 2: Describe a time in your ministry when you built relationships between diverse groups. What did you do well? What do you wish you had done differently? How has this experience informed your approach to relationship building?

Question 3. How have you navigated the roles of prophet and pastor in your ministry thus far? Which role have you found more challenging and why? (Please provide at least one specific example to support your response.)

Question 4. Much has been written about the changing paradigms in 21st century Christianity. How are you thinking and working to engage these changes? How will this inform your ministry as bishop?

Question 5: How do you in your ordained ministry help congregations grow through struggles, including struggles related to the size of the congregation and/or the ability of the membership to support ministries? (Please provide at least one specific example to support your response.)