



Hello St. B's!

In this stewardship time, I am reflecting on what we learned during the rector search. When the search committee met in late fall 2019, we had no idea what the future would bring! We were excited, if not anxious, to start the process of calling a new rector. Little did we know that a global pandemic would literally shut the world down, and we would have to search through a virtual lens. Despite these challenges, we were able to call Mother Jenna to lead us, to bring us back together, and to lead us into the future.

During the search process, we learned that overall, St. B's purpose and passion are high and that we are a "progressive-adaptable" community. Our priorities are our relationships and finances. Those traits will serve us well as we rebuild and discern our future community. Rebuilding is a challenging task as we move forward in a world of masks, social distancing, and hand sanitizing. We have to rebuild in many ways right now, but St. B's is up to the challenge. We need to be intentional about developing and maintaining relationships. We need to empower our laity and have open governance with Mother Jenna.

To move forward, we all need to work together and reignite our passion for St. Benedict's. We have called a leader with vitality and love and spunk! It is a time to come together virtually or in person and give what we can of time, treasure and talents. Maybe you found some new talents over the past 18 months or have a little more time to share. Maybe you realize that you need connections with people – now is the time to build those relationships intentionally. Make your pledge for 2022. Let's build the future. Together.

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