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**Subject:** RE: Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music

Dear Ruth,

Bishop Baxter asked that either Canon David Zwifka or I respond to your inquiry. Canon David Zwifka and I are the co-chairs of the Same Gender Blessing Task Force in our Diocese of Central PA.

The Liturgy "The Witnessing and Blessing of a Lifelong Covenant" has been authorized for use in the Diocese of Central PA; some guidelines have also been issued. For accessibility to all, the liturgy and the guidelines are all posted at our Diocesan Website: <http://www.diocesecpa.org/Our%20Parishes/resources-for-people-and-parishes.html>.

As Canon Zwifka and I are the co-chairs, you may contact either of us, but after I've spoken with David, we have mutually decided that he will serve as the official Diocesan contact person for your purposes. His email address I [dzifka@diocesecpa.org](mailto:dzifka@diocesecpa.org).

While there are parishes that are making an effort to study and become familiar with these documents, as far as we know, thus far no parish has applied to use the rite in accordance with our diocesan guidelines. However, we are aware of situations in which application may be made in the near future.

God's grace and peace be with you,

Canon Gregory P. Hinton

Co-chair, Same Gender Blessing Task Force