



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Most Reverend Katharine Jefferts Schori
Presiding Bishop and Primate

November 12, 2009

To the faithful gathered for the ordination of Susan Slaughter:

I give thanks to God for this sign of resurrection in the Diocese of Fort Worth. Many thought this day would never arrive, but you have all been faithful, hopeful, and highly persistent – not unlike the importunate widow. May the Rev. Slaughter be a living witness to the ministry of such seekers after justice, and may the widow's gifts spread abroad throughout the Diocese of Fort Worth. There are many of the least of these who are in abundant need of those gifts.

Susan, may you bear lightly the symbol you become, knowing that it is Christ within you who bears all such burdens. May his light shine through you, and may those whom you help to gather around his table become his light-bearers as well.

With abundant gratitude for all the people of Fort Worth, I remain

Your servant in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katharine Jefferts Schori". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Katharine Jefferts Schori