



Bishops' Friends – Essex

An Invitation to Clergy and Laity

You are invited to attend the **Bishops' Friends – Essex Christmas Dinner** at the Macedonian Centre, 5225 Howard Ave., on Thursday, December 5th, 2013.

As you may know, many in the Diocese have been working on plans for a five-year **RENEW** initiative. Proceeds from this event go to one of the identified priorities – the newly named **Empowered Leadership Fund**. The Fund provides Bishops Bob and Terry with the means to help with specific and urgent needs of our clergy and their families, as well as clergy and lay leadership development.

This is the second year for the **Bishops' Friends Essex Christmas Dinner**, and we hope that you will be able to join us. Dinner tickets can be purchased through your parish for \$45 or \$100, the latter of which includes a higher tax receipt and a pre-dinner reception.

RENEW provides the opportunity for us all to embrace the changes within the church and build a stronger unity across the Diocese. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday, December 5th.

Yours in Christ,
Bishops' Friends – Essex

P.S. To add to the evening's festivities, all parishes are invited to set up a **holiday display tree that portrays/shares images of parish life and ministries**. Let us celebrate our good work together this holiday season!