

The Old Catholic Communion

He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8

January 24, 2025

The Right Rev. Mariann Edgar Budde
Episcopal Church House
Mount St. Alban
Washington DC 20016-5094

Dear Bishop Budde,

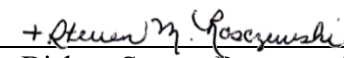
We have witnessed your calm and compassionate response to the words you spoke to President Trump. Like your own diocese, the Old Catholic Communion affirms God's love for all. In some of our parishes, we, too, make baptismal vows to "seek and serve the good of all," to "strive for justice," and "respect the dignity of all human beings." Therefore, we, the Bishops of the Old Catholic Communion, stand with you in solidarity as you face criticism and political backlash. The insults you've experienced reveal the need for us to call the faithful back to acts of mercy and compassion.

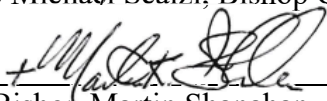
Like you, we are also worried about the vulnerable ones in our dioceses, parishes, orders, and ministries. We, too, understand that Jesus called us to care for the least, the last, and the lost. We, too, wonder what we can do to call our Christian sisters and brothers back to the core values of the Christian faith. We also pledge to do what we can as we speak out against cruelty, oppression, and injustice.

Please know that we, along with our members, are keeping you in prayer. May God give you courage as you stand in the national spotlight, speaking power to justice. If we can assist or support you during this time, please do not hesitate to call upon us. Meanwhile, we will continue to be engaged with our ecumenical partners in our local communities – which includes our Episcopal sisters and brothers.


Many blessings as you fulfill your call in these trying times.


Bishop Michael Scalzi, Bishop Chair


Bishop Steven Roszczewski


Bishop Martin Shanahan


Bishop Gordon Barcalow


Bishop Dewayne Messenger