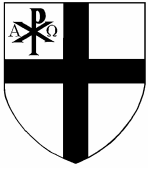


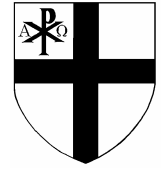
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BISHOP'S EPISTLE

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. It seems that every time I sat down to start this Epistle something prevented me from getting it done. It has been an extremely busy Spring season with visitations nearly every week and there are more leading up to our DEUS Synod at the first of June 2008. Most all of these visits were very positive with Confirmations and receptions of new members.

For those who are part of the Diocese of the Eastern U.S., this is a reminder to get your registration both for the Synod and the hotel in immediately. I saw Bishop Loiselle recently and plans are moving forward for a wonderful time together. The new church building for St. Paul's Crownsville, MD is near completion and will be ready in time for the Synod. The deadlines are rapidly approaching for both the DEUS Synod and the APA Synod at Our Lady of the Snows, in Belleville, Illinois. Don't procrastinate!

Canon Kite-Powell honored

Last Saturday, April 19, following the Eucharist and Confirmation at St. Paul's Church, Melbourne, Florida, I had the privilege of officially naming the Parish Hall in honor of the Rev. Canon Rufus B. Kite-Powell. It was a glorious day with Fr. Rufus and his wife, Fran, along with all their family in attendance as well as a number of old and new members of St. Paul's Church. Fr. Kite-Powell is now in a wheel chair, but his mind is sharp as ever. I encourage everyone to e-mail or drop him a card and let him know you are thinking and praying for him.

Good News from the Mid-West

Last week I attended the special called Synod of the Diocese of St. Augustine (DSA) in Detroit, Michigan. There were three major items of business on the agenda. The first item of business was a vote to petition the APA to become a permanent geographical diocese known as the Diocese of Mid-America, the second was to officially receive the Missionary Society of St. John the Evangelist under the Episcopal leadership of Bishop Fred Fick into

the DSA, and third was to extend the time of service of the Ordinary Bishop Larry L. Shaver for three years as he has recently reached his 72nd Birthday. In addition to passing these measures, they also approved a budget for the year, which is the first for this Diocese with 10% pledged to the work of the Province. There were 51 clergy and laity present at the Synod which was hosted by St. John the Apostle Anglican Church in Clinton, Michigan.

Federation approves CCP documents and appoints new Moderator

Earlier in April, the Federation of Anglican Churches in America (FACA) met in Summerville, South Carolina for its semi-annual meeting. All six member jurisdictions were represented. The primary order of business was to complete the process begun in October, 2007 when the FACA voted to join the Common Cause Partnership (CCP). The business left undone to become a member body was to approve the two documents of the CCP, the Statement of Faith and the Articles of Federation. After lengthy discussion, the vote was taken and passed. Additionally, the Moderator, Bishop Leonard Riches, suggested he step down and another bishop become the Moderator of FACA because that would give another voice for traditional Anglicanism at the CCP Meetings. Elected as Moderator was the Rt. Rev. Paul Hewitt, Ordinary of the Diocese of the Holy Cross.

Inter-Communion Agreement signed

Also, attending the FACA meeting by my invitation were two bishops of the Convocation of Christ the Redeemer (CCR), the Rt. Rev. Richard Lipka and the Rt. Rev. Donald Miles. Following the CCR Meeting in Maryland back in January 2008, the CCR voted to request intercommunion with the APA with the understanding that they petition to be received into the APA at the Provincial Synod in July 2008. While in Summerville, S.C., Bishops Shaver, Boyce, Fick and myself along with Bishops Lipka and Miles signed the Inter-Communion Agreement for the APA/CCR. We look

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forward to having them attend the DEUS Synod in June and the APA Synod in July 2008. The CCR presently has 21 parishes and missions in the U.S. and 3 in Venezuela. The Rt. Rev. Richard Lipka is the President of their House of Bishops.

APA/REC Relations

One of the items discussed at the April 2008 joint Bishop's Meeting of our two bodies was the progress on unity and how it could be structured. I was recently at St. Alban's, Joppa, MD where we have an active joint deanery in Maryland/Delaware of APA/REC. The joint Evensong filled the church with nearly 90 congregants with representatives from DEUS and REC Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic. It gave a good model for what can be done as the church comes together to worship and serve the Lord. There will be further discussion about an implementation plan which would need the approval of our respective Provincial Synods before effective. Pray that the Lord will lead us in the right path as we seek to work with our partners as traditional/classical Anglicans.

The Rev. Ralph Waterhouse to become Sub-Dean

After a lengthy period without a full time Sub-dean at St. Alban's Cathedral, the Rev. Ralph Waterhouse has accepted the call to return and take on the challenge. There is much excitement in the parish about Fr. Ralph and his wife, Debbie, returning and the anticipated date will be the first week in June 2008. The people of St. Alban's are most grateful to both Fr. Michael Eatmon and Fr. Kevin Burk, who served so faithfully as interim priests-in-charge during the extended search process. Their many gifts and talents will continue to be a part of the life of St. Alban's. Another note of thanks to Fr. Al Witham, deacon, who not only helps with the visitation to the sick and shut-in but also does periodic weekday Deacon Masses in the absence of a priest.

The search begins

The difficulty that the Bishop has when clergy move from one parish to another is assisting in the process of finding a new priest for the vacant parish/mission. The availability of qualified traditional priests is a problem and often we have men in the process but are not ready for a pastoral call. The other difficulty we are presently facing in relocating a priest is the selling of the family home. Some of the housing markets are at a stand still,

so this adds one more hurdle to the process. Holy Cross Anglican Church, Knoxville, Tennessee is presently interviewing candidates for vicar. Under Fr. Ralph's leadership, the Mission has purchased over six acres of property on which they plan to build and for which they have a vision for bringing Christ to the community in the Anglican tradition.

Strategic Plan and DEUS Synod

I would like the leaders, "champions" of the various goals and objectives to submit a written report to me of their progress prior to the DEUS Synod in June. Even if you have not been able to complete your assigned task, please be prepared to give a progress report to me and the Standing Committee at their Meeting in June 2008. The following is a listing of the Strategic Plan Goals:

- *To double the number of congregations in the Diocese: The Very Rev. Gene Mallard
- *To develop a foundation to underwrite the affairs of the Diocese: D.J. Fulton
- *To encourage stability of the clergy through adequate compensation and benefits: Dr. Mary Bennett Williams
- *To improve education of Clergy and to implement uniform standards to Postulants: The Very Rev. Douglas King
- *To develop an effective youth ministry and standardized Sunday School Program: Open
- *To improve internal and external communications throughout the DEUS and the APA: Gene O'Hara
- *To revitalize the richness of music in Anglican Worship Services: Mark Street
- *To secure an adequate number of clergy to serve the needs of an expanding Diocese: Canon Chad Jones
- *To establish a permanent retreat/camp center: open
- *To acquire adequate facilities and staff for the Diocesan/APA office: Ben Sibley

Love and Peace,

+*Walter*

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Annual Parish Reports for DEUS

If your church has not turned in its Annual Parish Report to the Diocesan office by MAY 15, your church will lose its voting privileges at the DEUS Synod this June.

The deadline for reports was extended to March 15 and we are still missing several reports! Thank you to all who have already turned in their reports. The form can also be downloaded from our website at: www.anglicanprovince.org under the Tool Box section or you can call the Diocesan office at 407-657-0880.

Anglican Life Adventure Camp

This Summer Youth Camp is open to children 8-15 years old (or previous ALAC campers 16 years old). The camp is at Elk Shoals Camp in the mountains of North Carolina. The camp dates are June 15 to June 21. **Early registrations are due by May 18 to receive the early registration discount.** All registrations are due by June 1. All churches were sent an information packet with registration forms. If you didn't receive your packet or need more information, please contact Dss. Tina Jenkins at tina777@earthlink.net or 704.364.2832.

Ad Clerum

Call Accepted: Fr. Ralph Waterhouse has accepted a call to St. Alban's Cathedral, Oviedo, Florida.

Resignation: Fr. David Eastes has resigned from St. Lukes Church, Port Orange, Florida effective May 1, 2008.

His email is now FDRandJoy@bellsouth.net. Fr. David will be appointed as a priest of the Cathedral as an assistant and available as a supply priest after a respite.

Retirement: Fr. Richard Baskwill has retired from St. Alban's Church, Joppa, MD.

Vacancies:

St. Luke's Church, Port Orange
Holy Cross Church, Knoxville

Transfers:

All Saints' Church in Greenville, SC, as well as Fr. Charles Carlberg, has transferred to the REC.

Prayer List

Of your charity, keep in your prayers: Fr. Mike Napoli and Fr. Tony Clavier both battling cancer; Fr. Larry Emerson's wife Lindsey, health problems; Fr. Donnelly, heart issues; Fr. Blankinship's son Andrew, recovering from cancer; Fr. David Eastes, health issues; Bp Belmonte's wife Eros, diabetes; Fr. Buck Humphreys battling cancer; Fr. Kite-Powell, health issues; Fr. Ken Badger, recovery from back surgery.

Bishop's Itinerary:

Apr 6: Episcopal Visit, All Saints, Wilmington, NC
Apr 8-9: Federation Meeting, Summerville, SC
Apr 13: Episcopal Visit and Confirmation, St. Alban's, Joppa, MD
Apr 19: Episcopal Visit and Confirmation, Naming of Kite-Powell Parish Hall, St. Paul's, Melbourne, FL
Apr 21: DSA SYNOD
Apr 27: Episcopal Visit, All Souls, Asheboro, NC
May 3-4: Episcopal Visit, All Saints, Raleigh, NC
May 16-17: Confirmations for Georgia Deanery, St. Barnabas, Dunwoody, GA
June 2-6: DEUS SYNOD, St. Paul's Church, Crownsville, MD
June 29: Episcopal Visit, St. Peter's, Deerfield, FL

Suffragan Bishop's Itinerary:

April 17-19: Deanery Meeting & Retreat, Stoneville, NC
May 10-11: St. Michael's Church, Charlotte, NC, Episcopal visit and Confirmations
June 3-6: DEUS Synod, St. Paul's Church, Crownsville, MD

Mea Culpa: We had a typographical error in the last issue of the Bishop's Epistle. The word "processor" body was meant to be "predecessor" body. Thank you to the person who caught it. We try to provide something for everyone with the Epistle. ☺

Birthdays and Anniversaries

April Birthdays

05	The Rt. Rev. G. Raymond Hanlan
06	The Rev. David Haines
12	The Rev. Canon Kenneth Badger
14	The Very Rev. Richard Bakley
17	The Most Rev. Dr. Herbert Groce, Jr., SSC
20	The Rev. Canon Chandler Jones, SSC
25	The Rev. Mr. Don Alley

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April Anniversaries

05	The Rev. Richard Baskwill, <i>Priesthood</i>
07	The Rev. Dr. Robert Peeples, <i>Diaconate</i>
16	The Rev. Mr. Don Alley, <i>Diaconate</i>
19	The Rev. Elbin Mojica, <i>Priesthood</i>
22	The Rev. Gordon Anderson, <i>Priesthood</i>
24	The Rev. William Shuler, <i>Priesthood</i>
25	The Rev. Baker Turner, Jr, <i>Priesthood</i>
25	The Rev. Ed Warner, <i>Diaconate</i>
27	The Ven. Gene Mitchusson, <i>Priesthood</i>
28	The Rev. David Eastes, <i>Priesthood</i>
28	The Very Rev. Douglas King, SSA, <i>Diaconate</i>

May Birthdays

05	The Very Rev. Charles Scott
25	The Rev. Baker Turner, Jr
29	The Rev. Gordon Anderson

May Anniversaries

02	The Rev. George Ates, <i>Priesthood</i>
02	The Rev. Gene Bagen, <i>Priesthood</i>
03	The Rev. Douglas Woofter, <i>Priesthood</i>
05	The Rev. Irving Cook, <i>Diaconate</i>
05	The Rev. Dr. John Longcamp, <i>Priesthood</i>
06	The Rev. Brian Foos <i>Diaconate</i>
06	The Rev. Canon Michael Penfield, <i>Diaconate</i>
10	The Rev. John Grafton, <i>Diaconate</i>
14	The Rev. M. Tracy Smith, <i>Diaconate</i>
16	The Rev. Michael Ward, SSA <i>Diaconate</i>
16	The Rev. Ralph Waterhouse, <i>Diaconate</i>
18	The Rev. Canon Dr. Michael Penfield, <i>Priesthood</i>
19	The Rev. Fred Hebert, <i>Priesthood</i>
21	The Very Rev. Charles Scott, <i>Diaconate</i>
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22	The Rev. Mr. John Novak, III, <i>Diaconate</i>
23	The Rt. Rev. Winfield Mott, <i>Bishop</i>
24	The Rev. Howard Underwood, <i>Diaconate</i>
26	The Rev. Gene Bagen, <i>Priesthood</i>
27	The Rev. Canon Larry Emerson, <i>Diaconate</i>
27	The Rev. Mr. Richard Conley, <i>Diaconate</i>
28	The Rev. John DiBiasi, <i>Priesthood</i>
29	The Rt. Rev. Clark Dorman, <i>Diaconate</i>
31	The Rev. Roger Edwards, <i>Priesthood</i>

June Birthdays

01	The Rev. Paul Blankinship, SSC
02	The Rev. Robert Burgreen
06	The Rev. Roger Edwards
14	The Rev. Howard Underwood
16	The Ven. Gene Mitchusson
16	The Rev. Michael Northup
19	The Rev. Mr. Lawrence Stogner, III
27	The Rev. David Eastes
28	The Rev. Dr. John Longcamp
28	The Rev. Ed Moore
28	The Rev. Dennis Washburn

June Anniversaries

01	The Rev. Paul Blankinship, SSC, <i>Diaconate</i>
03	The Rev. Franklin Endres, <i>Diaconate</i>
08	The Rev. Canon Chandler Jones, SSC, <i>Diaconate</i>
10	The Very Rev. Richard Bakley, <i>Diaconate</i>
10	The Very Rev. Mark Clavier, <i>Diaconate</i>
10	The Very Rev. William Perkins, Jr, <i>Diaconate</i>
10	The Rev. Canon Richard Smith, <i>Diaconate</i>
10	The Ven. Erich Zwingert, SSC, <i>Diaconate</i>
11	The Very Rev. Dr. Michael Smith, <i>Diaconate</i>
13	The Rev. Dennis Washburn, <i>Diaconate</i>
14	The Rev. Fred Hebert, <i>Diaconate</i>
16	The Rev. Brian Foos, <i>Priesthood</i>
17	The Rev. Canon William Weston, <i>Priesthood</i>
19	The Rev. Floyd Patrick, <i>Diaconate</i>
21	The Rt. Rev. Richard Boyce, <i>Priesthood</i>
21	The Rev. Robert Burgreen, <i>Priesthood</i>
23	The Rev. Franklin Endres, <i>Priesthood</i>
25	The Rev. Canon Dr. William Griffin, <i>Diaconate</i>
25	The Rev. Canon Dr. William Griffin, <i>Priesthood</i>
25	The Rt. Rev. John Hamers, <i>Diaconate</i>
26	The Rev. Canon James Daughtry, <i>Diaconate</i>
29	The Rt. Rev Richard Boyce, <i>Bishop</i>

Please contact the DEUS Office at 1-800-480-1087 if any of the above dates are in error or a date has been missed.