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One bread, one body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of all. • 1 Cor. 10:17, Eph. 4:5

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Editorial

Referring to the Incarnation, C. S. Lewis says, "If the thing happened, it was the central event in the history of the Earth. What had happened on Earth, when [God] was born a man at Bethlehem, had altered the universe for ever." What a privilege to celebrate the wondrous birth of the Son of God who was born to save us, born to live for us, born to die for us and born to raise us up to everlasting life.

This edition of *Koinonia*, celebrates Christmas and its centrality, namely Christ from Santa's own words. This year marked the Centennial of World War I and Bishop Kinner reminisces with the letters from his father. St. James joined the world wide commemoration by tolling of the bell in Kansas City. Holly reminds us of the privilege of receiving Christ as our savior who came to tell us of how much your soul is worth.

A wonderful testimonial from Chaplain Ishmael on his journey to accepting the salvation that Christ offers and how that reverbrates through East Asia. Blessings of the Babe of Bethlehem. Bishop Leo & Holly Michael



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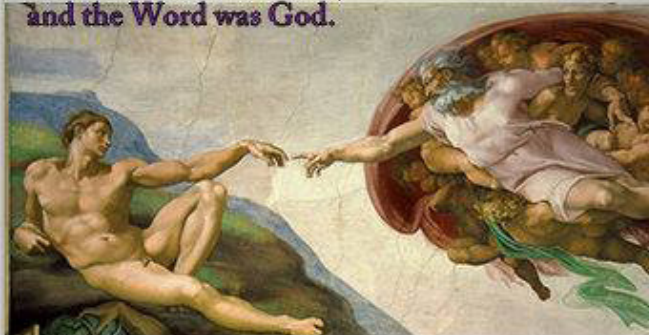
Holy Trinity Anglican Seminary (HTAS) is owned and administrated by the Holy Catholic Church Anglican Rite of the diocese of Holy Trinity and Great Plains. It's location in Kansas City, mid-America makes travel easy to meet the campus schedule. It forms part of a long tradition of the Holy Catholic Church of Anglican Rite and continues this important work of evangelization of the Kingdom of Christ in the United States of America and beyond its mission territories.

With the advancement of communications, Holy Trinity Anglican Seminary will offer online and on campus training for its students. Holy Trinity Anglican Seminary firmly believes that Good Formation will ensure FRUITFUL Ministry. Keeping in mind the Great Commission of the Lord, HTAS will train its candidates in strong Scriptural foundation, Sacramental worship in the Apostolic Tradition as enunciated in the conservative Anglican Tradition. With qualified faculty and commitment to the cause of priestly formation, Holy Trinity Anglican Seminary is set to impart the traditional Anglican orthodoxy even in the emerging social and pastoral challenges. The seminary will also offer courses for lay students as well.

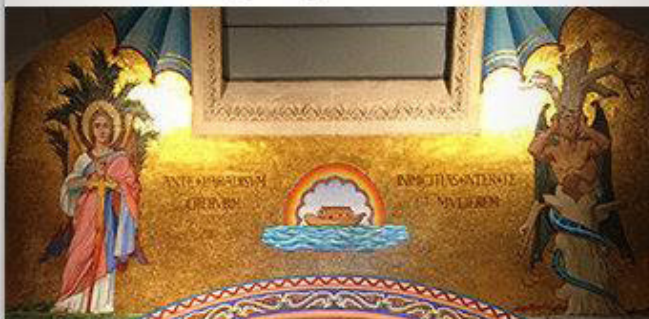
The Seminary primarily serves the Holy Catholic Church Anglican Rite while students belonging to other denominations are welcome to participate in our program of study and reflection. The Holy Trinity Anglican Seminary will soon be accredited with a view to conferring the Bachelor's Degree in Theology.

Holy Catholic Church pays special attention to the formation of her ministers. Church directives require that candidate to the priesthood undergo a minimum of three years devoted to an intense and specifically priestly formation. These directives are implemented at this seminary, with particular emphasis on the Anglican traditions of the Holy Catholic Church.

In the beginning was the Word, & the Word was with God, and the Word was God.



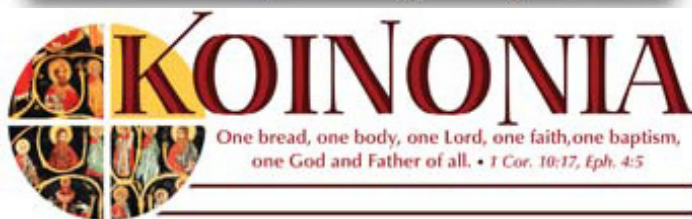
All things were made by Him. without Him was not anything made that was made..



He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not



And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us..as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name. Jn1:1ff
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In the Koinonia masthead, the circle with the cross in the center symbolizes the paten and the diverse elements which form a whole. The Mosaic represents the great cloud of witnesses and the church tradition. The red in the letters represents the blood of Christ with the font comprised of individual pieces of letters that are not joined until the blood unifies them. Koinonia is the official publication of the Anglican Province of the Holy Catholic Church-Anglican Rite (HCCAR) aka Anglican Rite Catholic Church. It is published quarterly at St. James Anglican Church, 8107 S. Holmes Road, Kansas City, MO 64131. Phone: 816.361.7242 Fax: 816.361.2144. Editors: The Rt. Rev. Leo Michael & Holly Michael, Koinonia header: Phil Gilbreath; email: koinonia@holycatholicanglican.org or visit us on the web at: www.holycatholicanglican.org Cover picture: Rex Thompson as Santa Photo by Bishop Leo Michael



Francesco Antonio Altobello, - Adoration of the Shepherds

Christmas Blessings

Rt. Rev. Kenneth Kinner HCCAR

*Y*ou are blessed indeed if you can visualize the faces of your Mom & Dad and recall their voices. You came from them! They are participants in your creation! For some, parents left this world. For some put up for adoption, there is no memory of the people they came from. Almost all adopted children have a deep yearning to see Mom & Dad.

St. Paul takes this yearning to a higher level -seeing 'the face of God' our Creator! Writing to the Church in Corinth: "Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known." Our future too!

The Apostles knew long ago, that at some point in every human life, there would be a basic desire in every person to see the face of: 'my Creator'! Face to face! All people reasoned that since the Earth, Sun, Moon stars of the heavens came to exist by a massive creative

power, no human individual could personally have any meaning to that Power, much less see the Creator face to face. Early concepts of God denied most things relating to human beings. Individuals could not be important except as slaves. All must relate totally to God's POWER!

And, yet, here we are, singing praise, offering gifts in honor of an Incarnate Godhead who is lying helpless in an animal feed box! Then we say that His Mother is a pure Virgin, His father is really 'step-dad', a Jewish carpenter. If anyone then, or now, never stops to consider the whole meaning, they probably have disbelief, indifference, or just plain conclude: "A nice fairy tale!"

Who can be afraid of a little baby? Yes, God chose to become so powerless as to be unable to eat or drink, except for Mom, walk or talk, play or work without the help of many people over many years. Yes, God became dependent on human beings to grow up and live among us and proclaim the good news. God chose

to become so powerless that the product of God's own mission among us would depend upon us.

In the Incarnation of God, from birth, to ministry, to sacrifice, to resurrection and ascension we see the face of God: in Truth, in loving Goodness, in limitless Beauty and in final Justice. His Name is Jesus! He is the Face of God!

Almighty God shows us that He will never let us down. He is a God for us and just as important, a Goel with us. His Son, Emmanuel, walks with us, talks with us and dies with us.

When Jesus leaves the Earth He says to us: "I will not leave you alone, but I will send you the Holy Spirit

The Spirit of Jesus is God within us! Here the fullness of God's faithfulness is revealed. Through Jesus, God give us the Divine Spirit so. that we can live a God-like life. The Spirit is the breathe of God. It is the closeness between Jesus, His Father and His disciples His present day disciples. The Church, the Body of Christ.

I call upon myself, I call upon all to whom I minister, to all who hear or read this letter, to unite as ministers, servants and stewards of the Risen Lord. He tells us that what we do to the least of His people we do to Him.

Here is what we humbly do for Him.

Worship God every Sunday in His Church.

The Church in NOT a building-She is the Bride of Christ + Living Body of Baptized People.

Work and pray and give for the spread of His Kingdom.

These 'works do not save us. They are our response to the fruit of the Holy Spirit.

We **support** our Diocese of the Holy Trinity & Great Plains.

We **offer**:

*Holy Scripture classes and studies in parish hall

Hospital, Hospice and home visits to pray for the sick, (our Blue Shirt visitors.) Chaplaincy Casper Fire & EMS

*Teaching & prayer group with Indian prisoners at Casper Reentry Center

*Mission trips to: Church of the Morning Star, Wind River Indian Reservation., and

Holy Trinity Church, Sheridan, Wyoming

*Support Wind River Children's Home -boys & girls who truly need a kind home.

*Support Youth For Christ-work with high school students & searching for youth.

*True Care -saving babies by helping Mom's choose life



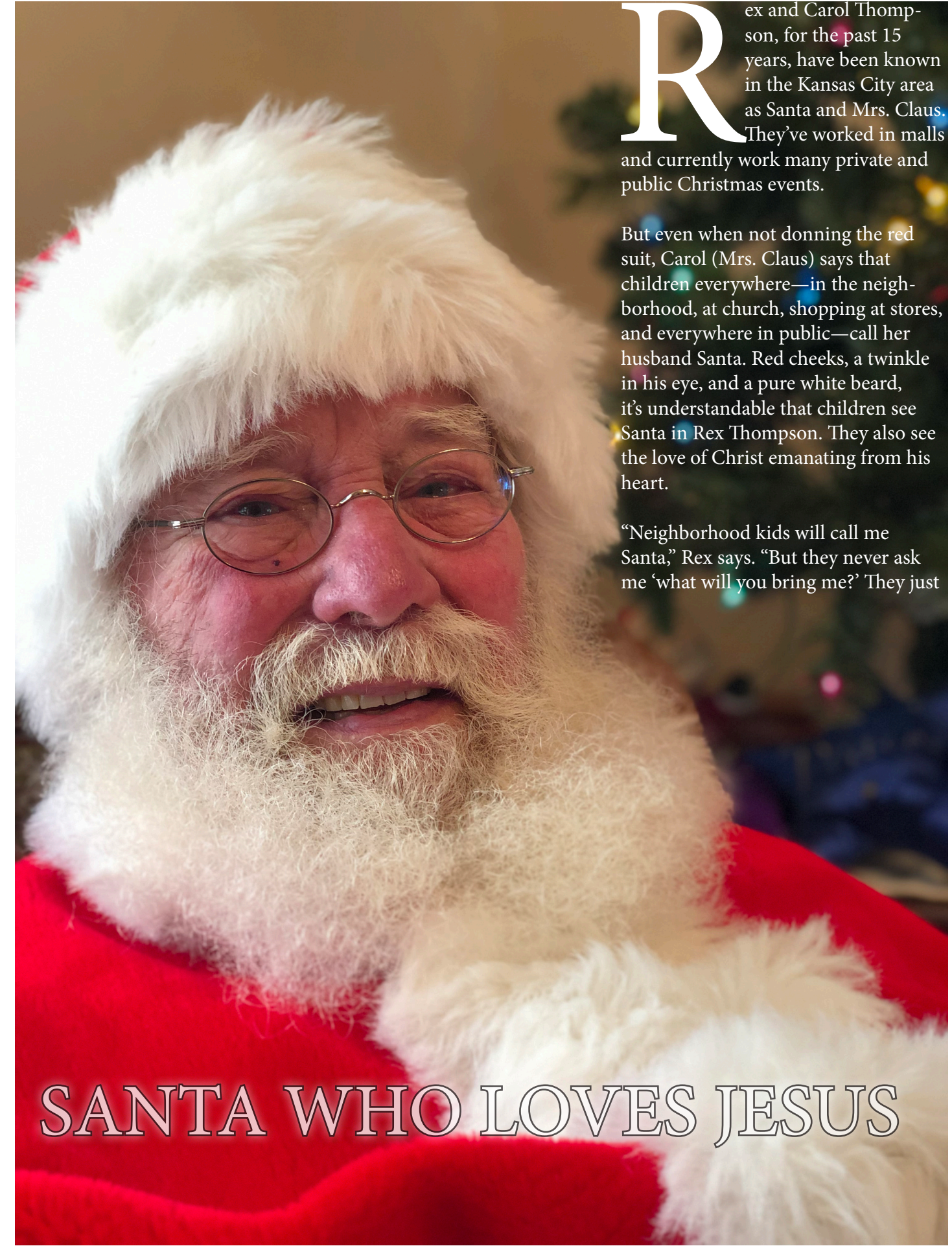
instead of abortion.

*Support for Holy Cross Center, a Catholic ministry to the hungry.

*And "Random Acts of Kindness" to all people with whom any of us contact.

Many are doing these actions of Mercy and many more besides! Make strong the works of Kindness through your own parish! BLESS YOU.

Art by Cornelis de Vos Adoration of the Shepherds 1617-20



Rex and Carol Thompson, for the past 15 years, have been known in the Kansas City area as Santa and Mrs. Claus. They've worked in malls and currently work many private and public Christmas events.

But even when not donning the red suit, Carol (Mrs. Claus) says that children everywhere—in the neighborhood, at church, shopping at stores, and everywhere in public—call her husband Santa. Red cheeks, a twinkle in his eye, and a pure white beard, it's understandable that children see Santa in Rex Thompson. They also see the love of Christ emanating from his heart.

“Neighborhood kids will call me Santa,” Rex says. “But they never ask me ‘what will you bring me?’ They just

SANTA WHO LOVES JESUS



want to see me and say hi and get a hug.”

Rex Thompson still works at private events but gave up being a Mall Santa three year ago as he was approaching age eighty. Working every day of the week, 6-8 hours from November 1st until Christmas with only one day off for Thanksgiving grew to be too much for him. “I gave that up but you never give up being Santa.”

Embracing the Spirit of Giving, the Spirit of Christ and Christmas, is how Rex Thompson lives. He has served at his church as an usher and has served his community in many ways. He says that being Santa gives him an outreach to the community and to children. “It’s about Love,” he says. “It’s the love of God that we pass on to others. Jesus is the light of the world and we need to be the light to all.”

Rex Thompson is a part of a national Santa organization that meets in different locations. They teach sign language to communicate with deaf children and teach how best to respond to children’s requests, but his life work as a psychologist at a state hospital surely has given him insight and understanding into diverse

family situations. He recalls difficult requests from children whose parents are going through a divorce.

Rex also tears up telling the story of a little boy, sitting on his lap explaining that all he wanted for Christmas was his father, a soldier, to come home. The parent’s of the child had arranged for this request to be answered and the father came out from behind the chair to the surprise of his young son.

The Legend of Santa began with the story of Saint Nicholas of Myra, in the second century. His reputation evolved from his habit of secret gift-giving, especially rescuing three girls from being forced into prostitution by dropping a sack of gold coins through the window of their house each night for three nights so their father could pay a dowry for each of them.

Today, Saint Nicholas or Santa brings gifts to children at Christmas and can be seen at the mall or events, but Rex and Carol Thompson are Mr. and Mrs. Claus year round and embrace the spirit of Christmas and giving. <>< Holly Michael

O Holy Night... *Of our dear* **SAVIOR'S BIRTH!**

by Holly Michael

The theme of Christmas is "Giving" We spend a lot of time and money shopping for the perfect gifts for our loved ones. Giving makes us happy. We are taught to be givers and not to worry about what we are getting. Right?

Wrong. Well, kind of.

Of course, Jesus is the reason for the season, but that sounds cliché and even if we know that, then why does the Christmas spirit seem fleeting? Why don't we discover true peace at Christmas that sticks with us longer than the buzz from the egg nog?

Maybe it's because we don't focus on the receiving part.

Yes, receiving.

It's all about you. Yes, you.

So what is this gift we should receive? I found it in five words in my favorite Christmas Hymn, "O Holy Night." Reminding myself of these five words has had a huge impact on my life.

...the soul felt its worth.

That's It. Think about it.

Here's the context in the song:

O holy night the stars are brightly shining

It is the night of our dear Savior's birth

Long lay the world in sin and error pining

Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth

Till He appeared and...**THE SOUL FELT ITS WORTH!**

Christmas is all about Christ but Jesus says it's all about us. He's the True Giver. And He came into the world so that we would know the worth of our souls...

so that we would FEEL the worth of our souls.

Here's more of the lyrics to the song...

*A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices
For yonder breaks a new glorious morn*

A new and glorious morning. A fresh start. A new beginning. It's that simple. This Christmas, receive the gift that God gives: knowledge of the true worth of your soul.

FEEL the worth of your soul. Know what God thinks your soul is worth and not how you've been judged by others or what you've convinced yourself of your soul's worth. Once you know and feel what your soul is truly worth to your Creator, to Jesus, everything changes. Christmas Peace arrives in your heart. Lasting peace. No matter what our circumstances, nothing can take away the knowledge of the worthiness of our souls.

Here's the rest of the song...

Fall on your knees

O hear the angels' voices

O night divine

O night when Christ was born

O night divine o night

O night divine

O Night Divine... Christmas Eve is almost here. My prayer is that you will receive the knowledge of the worth of your soul...or remind yourself what you already know. Just ask the Christmas Giver, Jesus Christ, to show you what your soul is worth to Him. Be a Christmas receiver this year.

Really listen to the words to this song and embrace the love of Christ this Christmas <><Holly



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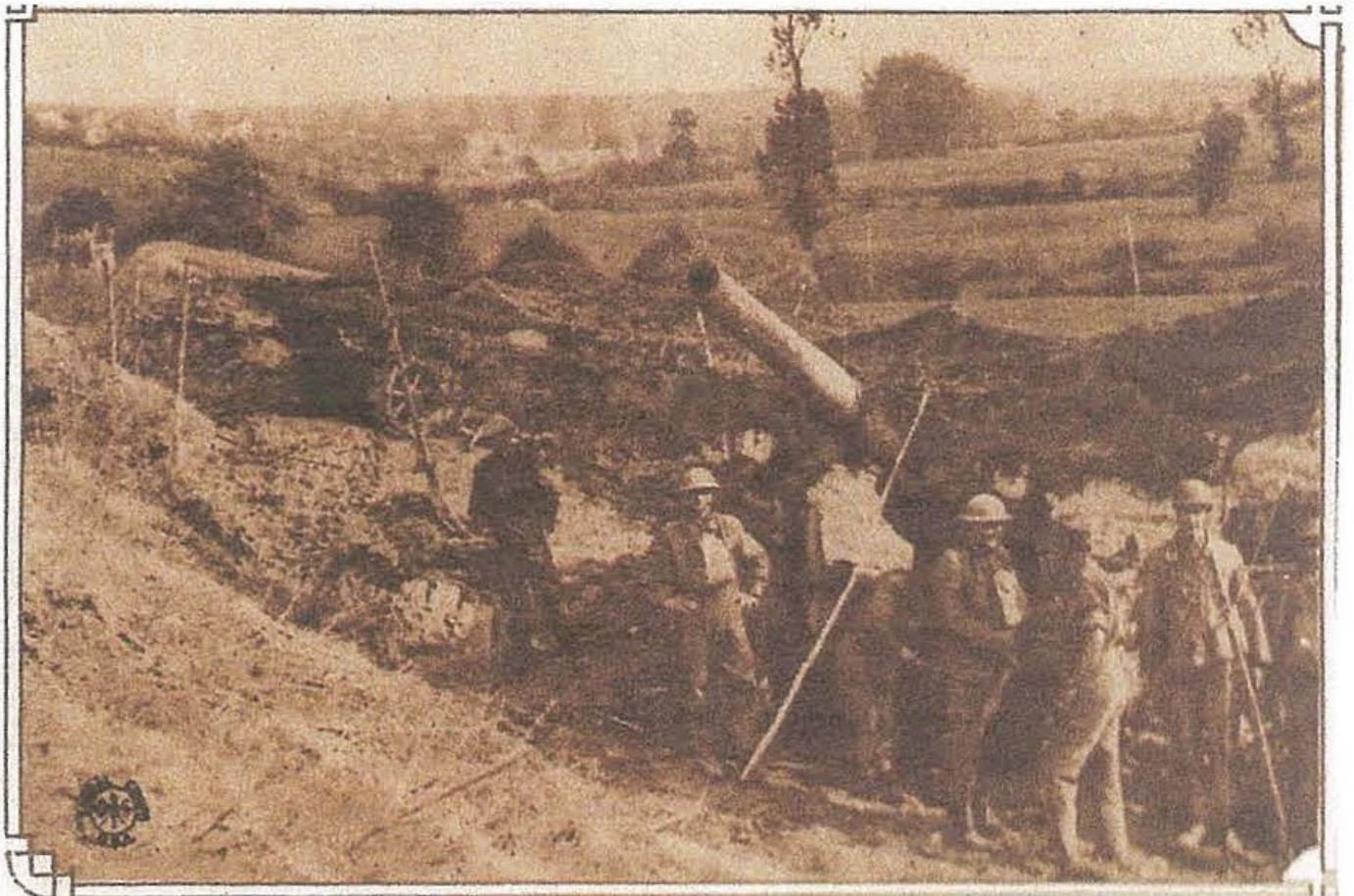
Centennial Commemoration of the U.S. Entry into World War I

WWI

Kansas City, MO ● April 6, 2017 ● #WWICentennialKC

Letters 'somewhere' in France end of WW I

- Pvt 1st class, Ken Kinner - Sanitary Detachment (Medics) 56th Field Artillery, driving ambulance



Battery E, 56th C. A. C., 1st Div., supporting 1st Div. near Charpen-try. Oct. 5, 1918.

November 7, 1918 -

Some of our soldiers are victims of wine, women and song. We saw some girls and ladies who are in-

habitants of towns occupied by the Boche for the past four years and they are the first we have seen since coming here from the Chateau Thierry sector. Seeing them made you feel good that you are a Yank. These children,



Ken, on right, with a fig in his mouth.

old men, ladies and girls were going back and changing from one truck to another. After four years of suffering at the hands of the Boche they still have a smile left and it is broad and all full of laughing and talking One fellow had just had lined up for mess, he inches deep and not one woman was allowed to walk thru it. There were too many willing hands. Those were about the first refugees we have ever seen close to. This morning was reading an article and came to a sentence which very truly applied to us: "A live soldier is a hobo and a dead soldiers is a hero."gave it all to them. How it did disappear! There was mud between the trucks six At 3:30 am we were up for breakfast and at four on the move at five o'clock just about daylight. We had a fine trip and are now in a town badly smashed up. We're after the Boche but now I found out we are to stay here. When we arrived the dead were still unburied and the doughboys were chasing them in auto trucks. For a fact they are going so fast we haven't heard a shot in five days. And on top of it all comes the news that Turkey and Austria are out of it so things should be short and sweet We are betting now thirty days after Austria's downfall that the Germans will quit;

November 10. 2018

We have stopped chasing the Boche and are laying low in a nice quiet little village. I guess it's quiet because there isn't much left of it, but we did find a couple of rooms without windows but have big open fireplaces in them so here we are many kilometers from the front. At first it was said this was to be one of the so called rest places but along comes orders today just the opposite and tomorrow we pull out for the front

again. They mean the Boche are still running pell mell towards home goodness knows when we shall catch up with them. An armistice 'hasn't actually been signed so have to keep the good fight up hotter than ever.

This afternoon a very funny thing happened out in the road fairly swimming in mud. The mud is almost over ones ankles but for three days the engineers have been trying to improve matters. It's a big job but they have made some progress. Anyway the band was giving a concert and about the time they were playing the "Dark Town Strutters Ball" real jazz music along comes a detail of "Darks" pulling a water wagon. The wagon was run in the gutter and one fellow with a grin from ear to ear and wearing blue fatigues started clog dancing in the middle of the road, The crowd gathered and had a regular performance. Such a good laugh I haven't had in a good long time. It would have done anyone that good. That was the only piece that he would dance to and after listening to a couple more they went on their way.

We heard about one of the fellows getting married to a French m'lle. A boy from home has decided they are a peg or two better than the American girls. That's getting down to pretty fine points without a direct statement of some kind. so how such a story ever got started he is still trying to figure out. There really is quite a difference in American girls and French girls from what I have seen and heard but never enough is in favor of the French girls to sway any of our minds.

The bunch sitting around the candle have begun an argument about the big guns of our regiment. while I sit here writing a letter. It would be much better to be at home right now rather than being four thousand miles away and writing about the war. Lots of love to you all.

At **11:00 a.m. November 11, 1918**, the artillery had fired their last shells. The first World War was over. Ken did not write a letter again until the 13th He did write in his diary:

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11 Lundi St. Martin, ev. 315-50

*We're up this morning, cold
as blazes washed and had fine eats.
Gus and Scof left with some
of the company for another village the rest
of us follow tomorrow,
Waited all morning for news
about peace. Heard it was signed all
day but no one to confirm it. No one
wants to be pessimistic but it hardly
seems possible.
After dinner Dick came in to stay
all night. He has quite a cold.
At last news reached us that an
armistice has been signed and hostilities
ceased. What wonderful rejoicing back
in the states. Nothing anymore exciting
here than any other night.*

November 13, 2018

Certainly things have developed fast in the past few months with a big wind up. Last Monday was Carthene's -19th birthday also. {His sister} Guess that she didn't realize that it was going to be as big a day as it was!

Sunday we first learned officially of the German officers coming over with seventy two hours to decide and the betting began. No one was terribly excited because it all seemed much like a dream. So many rumors have come in since we arrived in France. Not until Tuesday afternoon did we learn officially of the fact. Every move brings us a little closer to Germany, We laid out there all day and expected to stay for some time until seven o'clock last night we had to pack up and start again. We spent the day on the bank of the Meuse River. One thing took the splendor out of it and that was dead Yanks who lay where they had fallen almost too early for the graves registration unit to take care of them. That certainly is a time that will make anyone's blood boil no matter whether he is patriotic or not. - -

We pushed the trucks though the mud, worked hard

and finally landed here. The town looked deserted and naturally would be at that time of night; now we can have lights here and there and a fire was built by our boys. We found a wonderful little house, set up our stove, warmed the place good and pulling the blankets over us were soon in the 'Land of Nod.'

In the morning we were up bright and early to see what kind of a place we were in. First we saw a wonderful church set over on a hill with sort of an old wall on one side of it making it look as though it stood on a high embankment. We saw a few French people and they greeted everyone with a smile. We asked one fellow how far the Boche were from us and he said: 'Up at the end of the street.' It sounded kind of 'fishy' so we asked another fellow He said: 'Go outside and look over on that hill :and you can see all you want.'" and I'll be bumped if the Boche weren't walking all around.

Upon investigation found the line to be not over three hundred yards up the street from where we are now outside the town. Took a walk up, looked at them, walked around but was strictly forbidden to associate with them in any way. Our doughboys have a patrol and no one goes beyond them. The Boche have permission to come and bury some of their dead today We learned that they occupied this village up to three or four days ago when twice a day the inhabitants had to line up for role call.

At noon an old lady came very hungry and after explaining her want had it speedily fulfilled The Boche built a great deal of rough furniture. It sure was funny to see fellows come out of the houses with stoves, chairs, benches, in fact anything to make us comfortable.

My regards to every one. - - - just the same Ken

Dear Bishop Leo, Tuesday, Nov. 6

Enclosed: three letters and four small photos of my Dad's service in France in WW I

November 11, 1918, Armistice Day was also his sister, Carthene's 19th birthday. Bishop Ken Kinner

We certainly appreciate Bishop Kinner family's dedication to God's Kingdom and this great nation. The ministry in Wyoming is due to the hard work and sacrifice of Bishop and Mrs. Kinner and their family. Holy Catholic Church Anglican Rite is forever grateful for his dedication to God's people. God bless Bishop Kinner and all of his family!

First Episcopal Report for the Jurisdiction of East Asia

Dear Bishop, Esteemed Clergy and Beloved Faithful of the Holy Catholic Church Anglican Rite,

Greetings in the Name of Our Precious Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! As the newest bishop of our church and accountable to all of you for the stewardship that has been entrusted to me by our revered senior bishops, I make the following report with joy and gladness for the goodness of God. Please pray for us every day in your prayers and commemorate us at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. We deeply desire your prayers, further involvement and visitations, and we look forward to synod next year, where we can give full accounting of the gifts that the Holy Spirit has given us through you! Ordinations, Confirmations and Receptions –

1. We have elevated Dn. C. to priestly office and made him Canon for South East Asia
2. We have regularized and elevated Fr. J. to Canon for Northern China and he is being prepared for canonical examinations for episcopal office
3. We have elevated Dn. R. to priestly office
4. We made our sister, A., Catechist for Women and Children in the North
5. We made our sister, V., Catechist for Women and Children in the South
6. We made our sister, K., Deaconess for Christian Education
7. We have baptized L.Y. and received G.J., Z.N., J.Z., A.Z., M.J., E.Y., H.L. and Y.J. by confirmation, and 8 are intending to be confirmed next month in Northern China
8. We have received a Chinese Anglican catechist, P. Ma, from another jurisdiction as a postulant in our church, and are intending to work towards the process of ordination to the diaconate over the next year
9. We received Dr. Todd Godwin, Hannah Morrison, and A.T. through admittance to Communion, and Dr. Godwin has consented to be our Seminary Director in Thailand next year
10. We hosted Philip Hallstrom, a Computer Science Professor from the States and spent several days with him on theological questions. He is discerning if God may be calling him to our Chinese context as a teacher, and if he might be called to holy orders here.

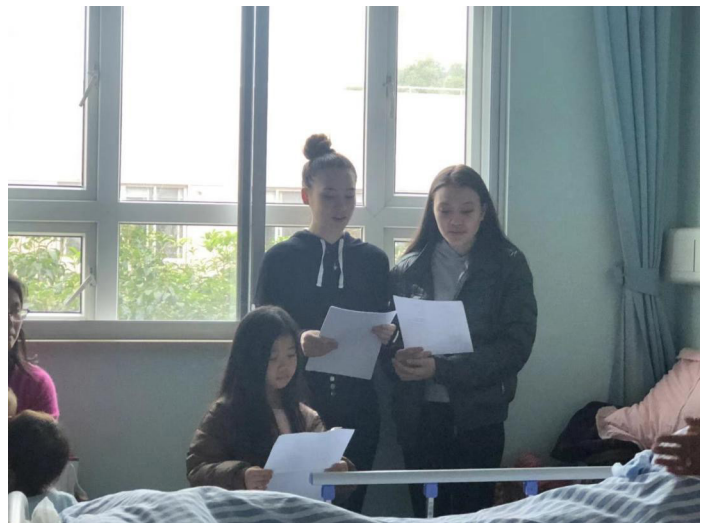
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China continues to push down heavily upon religious activities and has made meeting harder for the local congregations. For safety reasons, meetings are smaller than before, and often held in obscure, hard to reach areas. St. Theresa's in Beijing and Good Shepherd in Shenyang have been having difficulties meeting, but we are confident that as pressure increases, the motivation to spread the Apostolic Gospel and the impetus to cooperate and treat each other well within the Church is increasing. We are looking forward to what Christ will do in China through us over the next years, as a canonically regular situation arises and the catholic order begins to form.

We were overjoyed to receive twelve people, one through baptism and confirmation, eight through holy



confirmation alone and three by communion, over the last month at St. Alopen's. We also are anticipating many more entering the church officially over the next few months. Our foreign attendees are holding consistently around 15, but our Chinese side has grown by 5



to bring people to us. Rev. T. and his wife, Headmaster T., have faithfully tried to help us get up and running. The Board of the Thailand Christian Learning Foundation has agreed to partner with us to make their accredited high school system, already developed with the Thai Government, available for the Chinese students that we will be bringing in February. Fr. Babu Nasir Gill, (clockwise top left on the opposite page) a Pakistani refugee in Thailand, has asked to be received into our church and help us establish an ecclesial presence in Bangkok and Cambodia, and we will work toward that eventuality. The dorm and classroom facilities in Manorom have been restored over the summer,

since we've returned from the States.

Thailand –

Our work in Thailand has expanded as God continues



THE HCCAR'S MESSAGE TO OTHER APOSTOLIC CHRISTIANS



The Holy Catholic Church Anglican Rite is a small, local catholic church, independent of Rome and the Eastern Orthodox Patriarchates, as was the practice of the Early Church in the first four centuries of Christianity. We maintain the Apostolic Faith and Practice of the Undivided Church, the Seven Ecumenical Councils, and the historic liturgical forms of English Catholicism, otherwise known as “Anglocatholicism.” Our bishops are in Apostolic Succession by the laying on of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit from the ancient sees of the Patriarchate of Jerusalem, Rome, Canterbury, the Scottish Non-Jurors and the Old Catholics of the Polish National Catholic Church.

As a small church, one often hears a litany of questions regarding the necessity of “yet one more small group.” It is important to know what we bring to the table and what our unique burdens and callings are in the larger context of worldwide Christianity. Contrary to what people may suspect, we do not exist in a state of schism or reaction to others. Instead, we exist because our ecclesiology is fully realized on a local level (bishop, priests, deacons and the gathering of the faithful people of God) and we invite to Holy Communion all who hold the orthodox faith, have been baptized in the name of the Trinity, and have received the laying on of hands of a bishop in Succession for the reception of the Holy Spirit. Through our repentance, faith and communion with Christ and our love and mutual submission with our brothers and sisters, we are in full communion with all those whom Christ has called into His Body, the Church.

While we have much in common with our brothers and sisters in the Roman Church, we do not believe



our search for teachers has been productive and we now have a team of three on campus, and a retired couple from Australia has volunteered to come and be dorm parents for the Chinese students who live on site. All told, our last two months in China and Thailand have been extremely productive, blessed and protected, and we are grateful to God for the amazing love and care that He has shown to us through all of you! We pray for everyone in the HCCAR every day, look forward to the time that we see you all again, and ask that you all pray for us! <>< Bp.J

that being members of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church necessitates submission to the Bishop of Rome. We do concede the Pope's rightful and canonical place within the Church as "Primus Inter Pares," or the "First Among Equals," which was the role the Pope played in the first millennium of the Undivided Church. Unfortunately, Roman Catholics have increasingly accepted an unnecessary and hurtful doctrine of papal centrality, primacy, infallibility and anti-conciliarism since the Great Schism. Based on these errors, which were dogmatized at Vatican I's proclamation of papal infallibility, the Roman Catholics have become trapped with an inaccurate paradigm of God's grace flowing only through the person of the Pope.

While we use many of the ancient and received patterns of English worship that are common to Anglo Catholics around the world, and that have, from time to time, been embraced by the Anglican Communion, we are not submitted to the worldwide Anglican Communion or defined by their councils - some of which have been in contradiction to Scripture, the Fathers and the Canons of the Ancient Church. The 39 Articles and the Decisions of the Lambeth Conferences are not binding upon us and are only considered contextually by our bishops. Anglicans have compromised the Apostolic Tradition by allowing the foibles and tendencies of our contemporary political correctness to undermine the rock-solid teachings of the Ancient Church in areas of sexuality, priesthood, divorce and remarriage, and the absolutely essential and non-negotiable dogma of the Sacraments. Some Anglicans have become substantially protestantized, including bishops, and have turned away from faithful teachings because of itching ears and a desire to "be on the right side of history", compromising God's unchanging truth for relevancy and status.

We are closest in ecclesiology, faith and practice to the Eastern Orthodox Churches, and may be called "Western Rite Orthodox" without compromising our Anglo Catholic identity. We see that the Orthodox strive

to be doctrinally faithful whilst being politically unfaithful to Christ's Command for Evangelism and Servanthood. Orthodoxy has moved to a power paradigm, the princely management style of the Byzantine State, rather than keeping their eyes on pastoral service and the essential capacity of evangelism in the Church as being of equal importance to sound doctrine and right practice. They will only do the Great Commission when they have territories carved out, leading to overlapping jurisdictions and much "soft schism" between churches that maintain communion on paper. This rejects the

reality that cultures only convert and become ecclesial territories after the Good News of the Apostolic Gospel has been properly, humbly, self-sacrificingly shared over many generations. The West, and the Far East, must hear a fully orthodox and apostolic Gospel for conversion to Christ, and this must be done with humility, earnestness, and a return to the norms of the Early Church - local leadership, married clergy, and a recognition that service and pastoral ministry are the foundation of priestly authority.

It is the HCCAR's unique calling to speak to all three of these errors, in Anglicanism, Catholicism, and Orthodoxy, and call Apostolic Christians back to the fullness of the Faith, once and for all delivered to the Saints. With right focus on the

Fathers and the Early Church, these three groups must return to the order, sacramental unity, doctrinal clarity and prophetic role of the Early Church - they will all, by God's grace, be reunited in one, orthodox, catholic, apostolic and Holy Church. God will use persecution, postmodernism, dechristianization and secularism as the fire through which our political dross will burn away and we will be melded and molded into a more unified likeness of Christ. We are called to this by Christ Himself, Who is the Head of the Church. He prayed that we might be one, "even as we are one." This work must never stop, and must only be eclipsed by the pressing needs for worldwide evangelism.<><



Testimonial



I was born and raised in a Muslim family in the north part of Tanzania, Africa. I met American missionaries as a teenager, converted to Christianity and immigrated to the United States becoming a citizen. I am a 39-year-old male, African American. I attended Fruitland Baptist Bible College, North Greenville University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Before I joined the Army Chaplaincy, I served as youth pastor, singles pastor and as a pastor at a church for African refugees in Fort Worth, Texas. I have served for five years in the Army Chaplaincy and look forward to deployment opportunities and ministering in a hospital setting, Combat Operation Stress (COSC).

My family being Muslim excommunicated/rejected me from my family when I became a Christian. I am able to identify with people who have experienced similar challenges, especially those who have lost family relationships because of addictions or other problems. I have been challenged in ministry with patients who struggle with addiction because of the perception that they did not really want to be helped. But I learned that they typically do want to change but they simply do not know how to conquer their addictions. My training has made me more effective in reaching the patients with empathy to help pave the way for their

recovery.

Because of my background, I have diversity of culture, ethnicity and religion. I can identify and minister to a diverse people. My experience in the Chaplaincy have proven the value in respecting different view-points while maintaining a truthful approach to ministering to our soldiers. Having experienced pain and suffering, I can better identify with the needs of those who have struggled similar tragedy. I lost both of my parents. First I lost my father due to cancer in 2007 and in 2009 I lost my mother due to heart attack and eighteen months later I lost my father in the ministry and mentor. I have never had an opportunity to grieve until now and for these reasons I did not feel that I was very close to God and I did not understand Him at all.

According to the Christian faith, God created Adam and Eve in His likeness. God has always loved His creation and because of sin sought the way for the redemption of humanity. By sending His Son, Jesus Christ, God proved His love for the world. Because of my faith experience, I can also relate to God's love and care for those who experience pain and suffering.

After I moved to South Carolina, Pete Cochran liked what he heard about me. He looked for me at our church and promised never to leave me. He also promised to teach me how to fish that summer in Greenville, South Carolina. There I realized I had never met anyone who found mentorship and discipleship so important and necessary. He would invite me to his home every other weekend and go fishing. He laughed and laughed on how I swung my fishing pole and I left those fishing lessons buzzing and happy as a youth in the whole of the universe. I wished my parents saw my excitement. I suggested Pete continue to mentor and disciple me during my time in college.

Eighteen months later, Pete passed away unexpectedly to my shock and grief. My loss was incalculable leaving me with a challenge of grieving his death and picking up the pieces of our lost relationship. This traumatic turn of events led me not to blame God but to trust Him for the next steps. During this time my view of God was challenged but I persevered knowing that God was still in control. That wound still remained within me, however, God has provided a new mentor here in San Antonio, Texas. Now instead of swinging a fishing pole, I'm planning to swing a golf club with him. <><

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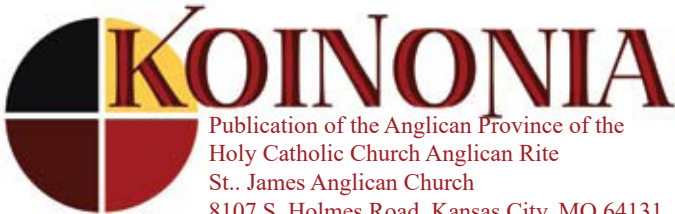
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