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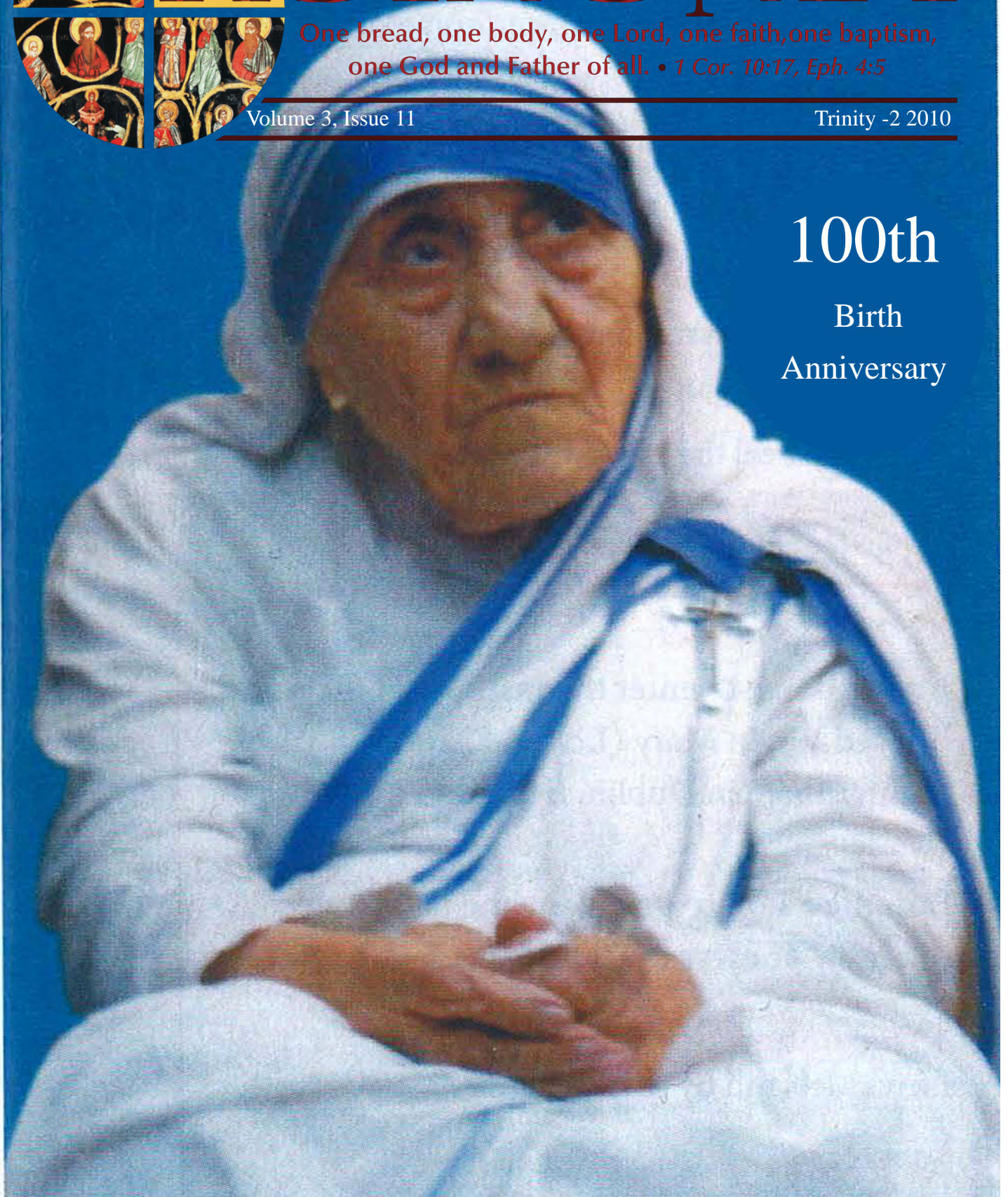
One bread, one body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism,  
one God and Father of all. • *1 Cor. 10:17, Eph. 4:5*

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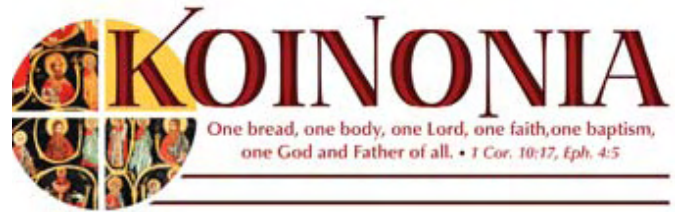
The Church of the Holy Comforter will celebrate its founding by the Oxford Movement of Poughkeepsie, NY with a Mass on Sunday October 17, 2010 at 9.00 a.m. The Most Rev Thomas J. Kleppinger, Archbishop and Metropolitan will celebrate and preach. Since the College of Bishops plan to meet at the Rectory and the Church on October 14-15, it is expected some of the bishops will stay on and participate in the festivities and the Mass. The Old Testament Lesson which will be read by a visiting bishop is I Kings 8:22-30, the prayer of Solomon at the dedication of the temple.

Immediately following the Last Gospel, the congregation will sing the hymn for healing, "Only believe, all things are possible, only believe: Lord I believe all things are possible, Lord I believe." This will be followed by the reading of God's Word in Isaiah 40: 28-31. A bishop chosen by the Metropolitan will then anoint those who come forward with the holy oil.

The Mayor of the City of Poughkeepsie has indicated he will issue a Proclamation in honor of the Church.

Join us in thanking the Good Lord for His blessings!

Canon Edmund Jayaraj  
Priest in Charge



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; Cover picture of St. James Stained glass window: Robert Baxter email: [koinonia@holycatholicanglican.org](mailto:koinonia@holycatholicanglican.org) or visit us on the web at: [www.holycatholicanglican.org](http://www.holycatholicanglican.org)

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## Editorial...

by Bishop Leo Michael

*As the world celebrates the 100th birthday of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, we celebrate her by dedicating this issue of Koinonia to her blessed memory. We were fortunate to witness this great saint among us, who took her calling very serious. She did not debate nor discuss God's plan for her but left the comfort of her Loretto convent, from educating the crème of the crop to succor to the dying and destitute on the streets of Calcutta. In 1985 as a young seminarian I had the fortune of meeting this saint of our times. When we went to her Mother house we thought we would behold her coming from her office. Mother Teresa was already popular and well known for her works. Several nuns were going about their daily chores. Some were busy washing their saree, the dress that the Mother had chosen as the religious habit for all her Missionaries of Charity. Just then we saw one of them turn around, wiping her hands from the wetness of wrenching her clothes. Who knew that would be Mother Teresa. Her advice to us was "Be good priests and take care of our sisters." I took that to heart and helped her nuns wherever and whenever possible during my ministry as a priest. Featured in the cover and in the article "My Precious Moments with Mother Teresa" is the story by Fr. John Solomon, my former parish priest and family friend, who invited the Mother to my home parish in Bangalore. As the US Postal Service has honored her with the release of the postage, we honor her dedication and service, spurred by the love of God. Servitude is the hallmark of every minister and so is evangelism. May Mother Teresa be an inspiration for all of us as we strive to imitate Christ who came to serve, not to be served. Action speaks louder than words, Complete Surrender to Christ the King, Is Evangelism an Anglican Thing To Do? All point to servitude, not to laud over but to faithfully serve. The ordinations to the Diakonia bear testament to service. Enjoy your reading! (cover picture taken on Mother Teresa's visit to Bangalore by Fr. Solomon)*

# Metro's Message Trinity-2 2010

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**D**ear Friends, The Apostle Paul wrote to the Philippians (1:27f): "... *that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel; And in nothing terrified by your adversaries: which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that of God. For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake; Having the same conflict which ye saw in me, and now hear to be in me.*"

Stand fast. Striving together. Suffer for Christ. Having the same conflict as did St. Paul. Having no fear of your adversaries.

For those who think Christianity ought to be free from conflict and turmoil, these words come as a surprise. By them you learn that in this present life Christ is calling you into the fellowship of His sufferings with the blessed promise of being glorified together with Him in the life of the world to come. From this concept comes the symbol of the Cross and Crown. One does not attain the Crown except he first walk the way of the cross with Jesus. In the common vernacular: No pain, no gain.

The unity of the Church is something for which every Christian must aspire, and it is achieved when all who profess and call themselves Christians "stand fast in one spirit, with one mind." You live in a world of sin that permeates every aspect of creation and every relationship that you have. You wrestle against spiritual wickedness in high places. The Gospel comes to you by men with feet of clay. The treasure is carried in earthen vessels that the glory may always be of God and never of oneself. The Church is not free from sin as it lives in this present world. For this reason you are to earnestly contend for the Faith Christ has once delivered to His Church through His Apostles. There must of necessity be contention as you work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. The Faith is not so many men, so many opinions. It is whole and complete. Catholic. It is what has been believed at all times and in every place.

The Faith is defined by the Catholic doctors of the Church. They did not add anything new to what Christ had already revealed. Rather they affirmed again the truth received over against the heresies that challenged it.

Your confidence in the Gospel is that it was delivered by our Lord to those Apostles who walked with Him during the course of His public ministry. At a later date the glorified Christ delivered it to St. Paul as the Apostle born out of due season. All of the Apostles are totally united in the Gospel. They stand fast in one spirit with one mind. They were of one accord which accounted for their unity in Christ. The doctors of the Church did as well. There was no majority opinion, but the consensus of all.

St. Paul preached the Gospel. Anything that differed from this is another gospel. He wrote to the Galatians (1:6f), "I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be

accursed."

No doubt you many never have heard such harsh words from the pulpit. Perhaps you have never been told to try the spirits to see whether they are of God. The early Christians "continued steadfastly with the Apostles; in their doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers." Anything that differed from Faith and Practice received was a perversion that did not lead unto salvation by faith in Christ.

The same Apostle furthermore states that those who preach a Gospel that does not conform with what he has delivered, are not Ministers of Christ who simply are mistaken, rather they are ministers of Satan sent to deceive and lead people astray from the Faith.

All religions can be wrong; only one can be right. Bishop John Jewell in his *Apologia Ecclesiae Anglicanae*, 1562, has written concerning the Church of England: We have returned to the Apostles and old Catholic fathers. We have planted no new religion, but only have preserved the old that was undoubtedly founded and used by the Apostles of Christ and other holy Fathers of the Primitive Church.... As Anglicans we hold no faith of our own.

What you do and believe matters. There are no elective doctrines to the Christian Faith. St. Paul expressed to the Corinthians, "For there must be also heresies among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you." As you avoid the error and cling to the truth, you are made manifest as those approved of God, who stand steadfastly with the Holy Apostles.

Every divisive issue in the Church is the result of so many votes for and a lesser amount against. Had the Church not acted politically thinking that truth or the will of God is found by the vote of the majority rather than from Christ Himself, there would not be division and heresies. Decisions in the Church must always be made by consensus in order to express the unity of the Holy Spirit and the mind of Christ.

There is certainly no shame in being found in the minority. Many Christians have found their place there. St. Athanasius spent more time in exile than in his diocese. The phrase was coined "Athanasius against the world," for oft times he stood alone with Christ against the majority opinion which was wrong. In the end, in the Lord's good time, the entire Church came around to embracing his opinion as the true Faith. But for quite some time, things were very much in dispute and certainly not comfortable for those who held the truth.

It is always hard to travel the road less travelled. Everyone wants to be on the winning team and to find acceptance by the majority of people. Jesus did not speak in terms of hundreds of people, but where two or three are gathered in His Name. The implication being that He stands with the few who are united in His faith.

It is our prayer that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the Faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. It is the Faith that must unite as you are brought into conformity with it and with others who hold fast that which has been received. Satan is the author of confusion; the Holy Spirit brings many people, kindreds and tongues into one in the Lord Jesus Christ. You must let go of private opinion, personal desire, in order to stand fast in one mind, the mind of Christ. St. Paul wrote to the Colossians (1:28) that the purpose of our preaching, is warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus. Faithfully in Christ,

+ *Thomas Kleppinger*

# Precious Moments With Mother Teresa

by Rev. Fr. John Solomon, Bangalore, India 1995

*Mother Teresa Presenting a  
Memento to Rev. Fr. John Solomon,  
On: 24-10-1995 at Centenary Celebration of  
Sacred Heart Church  
Bangalore - 25*



**M**y privileged audience with Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta began September 24th, 1995. I decided to fly to Calcutta to invite mother Teresa in person to grace the Centenary Celebration of the Sacred Heart Church in Bangalore.

That was my first maiden trip to Calcutta. God's providence helped me to reach Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity with the help of a good Samaritan Dr. Battacharya, a scientist who had come here to conduct classes for the TATA Institute.

For the sake of Mother Teresa he had diverted his journey by 25 km as an appreciation of her service to the poor. When I had reached the Missionaries of Charity sisters, they greeted me with smile and told me that the Mother would come in the evening from Delhi and that I was welcome to join the Eucharistic celebration at 6 a.m., Monday, September 25. I was so surprised to find Mother Teresa in the chapel, squatting on the floor on a small matt in prayer.

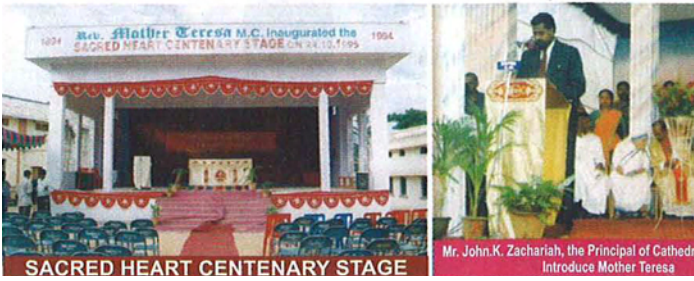
After Mass she had foreign visitors, but told me to wait in the sacristy, as she was engaged with the guests. The sisters were telling me that she wanted me to have breakfast. I was determined not to take anything until I met Mother and could present her with my program.

After 40 minutes she asked me why I didn't take coffee and she began to prepare it for me. This showed her reverence for the priesthood.

I was so thrilled to greet her with folded hands (Namaste) and to garland her with Sandalwood. Then I genuflected by holding her Blessed hands to Bless me, she refused saying that "you are a consecrated person you have to bless me." So I obeyed her. Then again holding her Blessed hands I told her now I am asking you as my mother to bless me she smiled and put both her hands on my head - invoked the holy name of Jesus to bless me.

Then I offered her a written letter telling her that I didn't expect an immediate reply, but that she read my request, then give me her answer the following day. I told her, "I don't mind staying until I get a positive answer from you to visit Bangalore to have your Darshan (audience) for thousand of simple people, children who are longing to see your holy presence." I said, "Everyone knows that you are a living saint." To which she replied,





"Please don't say that. We are only HIS servants to give HIS love to others."

I was moved by her words. This was my first audience with Mother Teresa on September 25th, 1995.

Tuesday, September 26th, I had the opportunity to concelebrate the Mass with their chaplain. After the mass the Rev. Mother with her assistant, met me and excused her inability to come to Bangalore on October 15, 1995 since she was already preoccupied. So I told mother I would meet her tomorrow after consulting my parish council.

On Wednesday, the 27th I had a great privilege to concelebrate Holy Mass with the Papal delegates. One of the Cardinals asked me to preach in English while He celebrated the Mass. It was the Feast of St. Vincent de Paul. After the Mass, the Cardinal spoke to me and I explained to him about my visit to Calcutta. In return Cardinal spoke to Mother Teresa about my plan. She gracefully agreed to me to let me know a different date that she could come to Bangalore after saying goodbye to the cardinal.

Around 8:30 am, Mother greeted me with a smile and showed her schedule to her sec-



retary, showing that she was unavailable. Then immediately one of the sisters told Mother that she would be free on the 24th and 25th of October. I asked her to book those days and told her I would postpone the program in Bangalore. I made a written request of the appointment on my letter pad with seal and signature and got their consent for Bangalore visit on October 24th, 1995.

It was a great jubilation for me when I got the consent from Mother and her secretary. I took a photo from Mother with her autograph.

That evening, I received a call from Mother's home, inviting me to celebrate Mass for them on Sept. 28th 1995. After the Mass I distributed 100 hand bills with the photograph and her signature. There were surprised to find that I had the handbill printed within a day.

I told Mother Teresa, "Having you grace the centennial celebrations of my parish is all because of the blessing of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and your gracious willingness.

I thought to myself, "God is great. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus I trust in thee." The same prayer I have in my Sacristy. All was possible through God's providence. I only acted as an instrument without any hesitation.

I returned to Bangalore from Calcutta on the 29th September. Later on it was announced in the papers that a solar eclipse would fall on the 24th of October in Calcutta. This was my major tension and I constantly prayed that everything would go as planned.

By the grace of God, Mother had early flight from Calcutta and we had a grandiose centennial celebration of our parish.

When Mother Teresa passed away, I paid homage to her in Calcutta, September 12, 1997 in the name of all the faithful people of Sacred Heart Church in Bangalore. I had the great privilege of moving her body after removing the glass cover for her final repose at 10:15 pm. On the 13th of September, I had a chance to concelebrate at Mother's funeral Mass. She was given a state

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funeral and was laid to rest. May her soul rest in peace.

In June of 1999, Neelasandra Road by Sacred Heart Church, was renamed Mother Teresa Road. The circle in front of the church was named Mother Teresa Circle in her honor.

*Mother Teresa's service to humanity received worldwide recognition. She stood as the icon of peace, love and compassion. Her determination to serve the poor and needy earned her about 124 prestigious awards, including 'Padmashree Award' (in 1962 from the President of India), 'John F. Kennedy International Award' (1971), 'Bharat Ratna', 'Order of Merit' from Queen Elizabeth, 'Nobel Peace Prize' (1979), 'The Pope John XXIII Peace Prize', 'Medal of Freedom' (the highest US Civilian award) and she was declared an honorary U.S. citizen by a joint resolution of Congress in 1996.*



September 5, 2010 the USPS released a stamp commemorating her 100th birth anniversary. The stamp features a portrait of Mother Teresa painted by award-winning artist Thomas Blackshear II of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

*"By then I realized my vocation was towards the poor," she later said. "From then on, I have never had the least doubt of my decision." Having adopted the name of Sister Mary Teresa, she arrived in India in 1929 and underwent initial training in religious life at a convent in Darjeeling, north of Calcutta. Two years later, she took temporary vows as a nun before transferring to a convent in Calcutta. She became known as Mother Teresa in 1937, when she took her final vows. --from USPS website*

**ATTENTION :** *The date of submission for articles and pictures is the Ember Days of each quarter. Please send your pictures preferably in jpg format. Next issue is Advent. We welcome parish news, faith journeys , or articles that foster Anglican faith formation for the greater glory of God and the edification of Christ's Church. ~ Editor*



**Anglican Priests For Life**

World's largest organization of Anglican Priests for the Sanctity of Life

## 40 Days for Life Campaign

.....is underway. Support your local chapter.

by Fr Frederick Bentley, OHI Director

"40 Days for Life" is a community-based campaign that draws attention to the evil of abortion through the use of a three-point program: Prayer and fasting

Constant vigil, Community outreach

40 Days for Life takes a determined, peaceful approach to showing local communities the consequences of abortion in their own neighborhoods, for their own friends and families. It puts into action a desire to cooperate with God in the carrying out of His plan for the end of abortion in America.

The 40-day campaign tracks Biblical history, where God used 40-day periods to transform individuals, communities ... and the entire world. From Noah in the flood to Moses on the mountain to the disciples after Christ's resurrection, it is clear that God sees the transformative value of His people accepting and meeting a 40-day challenge.

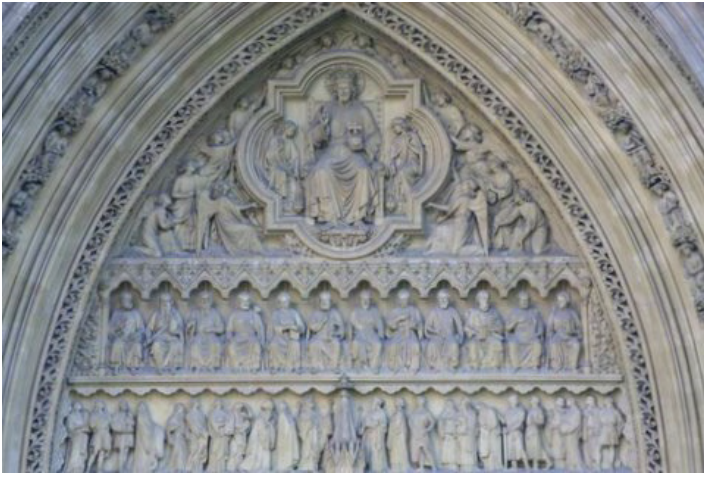
### Vision and Mission

40 Days for Life is a focused pro-life campaign with a vision to access God's power through prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil to end abortion in America.

The mission of the campaign is to bring together the body of Christ in a spirit of unity during a focused 40 day campaign of prayer, fasting, and peaceful activism, with the purpose of repentance, to seek God's favor to turn hearts and minds from a culture of death to a culture of life, thus bringing an end to abortion in America. <http://www.40daysforlife.com/about.cfm>



*"It is a very great poverty to decide that a child must die that you might live as you wish,"*  
*Mother Teresa of Calcutta*



## COMPLETE SURRENDER TO CHRIST THE KING

by the The Ven. Mark A. Rowe, Jr.

*(Photo by Holly Michael of the Westminster Abbey, London)*

Hebrews 12:1-2 : 1Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, 2Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

These words, as found in the Book of Hebrews, are very important to the Christian understanding of the Faith. They are words which remind us to run the race, not only with endurance, but also turning neither left nor right, but with steadiness and eyes fixed on Jesus. They remind us that Jesus has already run this race before us, and has endured more suffering than we will be called to bear. Indeed, much of the theme of Hebrews is about the journey to glorification which takes its course through the valley of suffering and sacrifice. The good news found in this passage from Hebrews is that our Great High Priest and King goes with us through that valley, and all we need do is follow Him and His Gospel and we will receive that reward promised to all mankind, purchased by His Most Precious Blood. "We are not of those that shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who believe and are saved."

The author of Hebrews presents a stunning picture of faith as something like a great marathon- a race that we are all called to run. This is the image the Apostle Paul uses in his writings, most notably in his letters to the Corinthians, to the Galatians, and to Timothy. "Run the race in such a way as to win the prize," he says. "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."

These are words that inspired a man named Eric both spiritually and physically. Eric was a runner. He was a runner, but had some peculiar running traits. He would run with his head tilted back, and with his mouth wide open. He flailed his arms with no real grace and had a high-stepping gait. And yet, he was one of the world's fastest runners in 1924. Eric, or "The Flying Scotsman," was born in 1902 to a Scottish missionary couple serving in China. It was during his time at Edinburgh University that his true athletic abilities gained notoriety, and it became clear that Eric would be a contender in the 1924 Olympic games.

Perhaps you have heard of Eric Liddell from the movie about him, "Chariots of Fire." If you've seen the movie, you know that Eric ran "for the glory of God", and that when he won, he won "for the glory of God." Perhaps you remember this quote from the movie in which Eric says, "I believe God made me for a purpose, but he also made me fast. And when I run, I feel His pleasure." Eric used his athletic ability as an opportunity to preach the Gospel. He

would often speak in revivals about how the life of faith was a race, and that we were able to "Honor God with our lives... every aspect of it." Eric believed that even in his running, he was able to honor God.

Eric did in fact honor God through his running, for what the world remembers most about Eric Liddell is that he refused to take part in the 100 meter race in those Olympics because the qualifying heats for that contest were scheduled on Sunday. He was undeterred in his conviction that it would not be possible to 'run for the glory of God' at the same time as he was running on the Lord's Day. Eric held fast in his convictions and withdrew from the event; surrendering one of Great Britain's certain Gold Medals and receiving great political pressure. While Eric refused to run in the 100 meter (his best race), he was able to completely upset the competition in the 400 meter, by not only beating the field by over fifteen feet, but by setting a new world record as well. When asked how he could see the finish line, due to his unconventional running style, Eric replied by saying, "The Lord guides me." When asked the secret of success, he said "I run the first 200 meters as fast as I can, then with God's help, I run harder."

Eric's unwillingness to compromise his faith was a demonstration of his philosophy of life- a phrase that he would later use during his mission work in the field in China- "Complete Surrender." Eric believed that there was no goal higher than serving God, nor was there any political or national allegiance that was greater than his allegiance to the Kingdom of God. In the movie, the Prince of Wales attempts to pressure him to compromise his convictions in order to run in the qualifying heats, he replies by saying, "God made countries, God makes Kings, and the rules by which they govern. And those rules say that the Sabbath is His. And I, for one, intend to keep it that way."

The Feast of Christ the King is one date on the Christian Calendar that Eric Liddell probably would have loved. It is the day when we remember that Jesus is "God of all creation, of water, earth and sky." We remember that "the universe declares His Majesty." Christ the King is our Great High Priest, Our Lord and Savior. The Flying Scotsman understood that Christ was King. He understood that his allegiance to Christ and His kingdom came first, and that even his national King came second. In fact, later in his life, Eric followed the call of God into remote mission areas, even though at times it meant leaving his wife and children behind. He strove to put God first in all things. Eric believed in his idea of 'complete surrender.'

If Eric Liddell can run races for the glory of God, then we too must do our job- our calling for the glory of God. We look at this story of a man with a simple motto- 'complete surrender.' We see that complete surrender to the will of Christ the King is the only way to fulfill our role in the Kingdom of God. On the Feast of Christ the King, we are called not simply to acknowledge that Christ is King of Kings and Lord of Lords, but that He is our King and Our Lord. He is not simply the Lord of the Universe, the land and the sea... He is also the Lord of my life.

Let us make Christ the King truly Lord of our lives by complete surrender. Amen.



# THIRD ORDER OF ST. FRANCIS

The Ven. Stuart Crawshaw, Father Guardian



Myths, legends and symbolism all have at least one thing in common and that is that their veracity is usually suspect, but this is only true if their purpose is to mislead or misinform. They also have a very good and useful purpose and that is to illuminate, emphasize or instruct. The myths and legends that surround the life of St. Francis of Assisi comprise the majority of what we claim to know about him, but they nonetheless

serve to protect and project the image of this beloved saint.

St. Francis is probably the best-known Christian saint other than, perhaps, the Virgin Mary, and Saints Peter and Paul. He has been the subject of some of the greatest Western art, and he's also a favorite of backyard shrines, key chains, and all sorts of Walmart statues and a variety of religious trinkets. For many people, he projects an image of a warm, loving and indulgent figure, who is a lover of animals and something of a hippie. While he may be something of all of these, he is so much more.

When he was about 25 years of age St. Francis renounced his family and a rather substantial inheritance (his father was a wealthy fabric merchant) to pursue a life of poverty, simplicity and obedience to God. His writings, while reasonably plentiful are not autobiographical and they don't reveal much about the man



quite different from each other in that the writings were mostly in Latin and intended to instruct monastic friars, while the works of art were intended for the instruction of a generally illiterate lay society. Out of these bodies of knowledge emerges one simple truth: Francis was much more than a "voice crying in the wilderness" for he started an order that carried his magnetism across the earth for eight centuries. He was considered by many in his own time that he was the Christian who most completely imitated Christ, and this thought continues today. His ideas and way of life are carried by a group of Franciscan Orders who have played an essential role in



himself. We even lack an idea of what he looked like, for the many images of him produced after his death tended to be more fantasy than accurate portraiture.

So who was this elusive inspiration --- this warrior and soldier in Christ's army of faithful disciples and Saints --- whose simple message of love and Christlike caring reaches down to us through centuries of human strife and vagaries? To discover who he was and what meaning he had for people of his own time, there are two sources: written narratives; and images found on the walls and altars of countless Franciscan churches. These two sources are

the development of our Lord's church for half of its history. Our own Franciscan Order is part of this happy burden. It provides those who wish to join it an additional structure and meaning to the Christian experience. It is, as Francis paraphrased Christ's comments about the Sabbath, it's an Order made for the man and not man for the Order.

The Italian painter Giotto and the poet Dante provide us with illustrations of Francis's importance within a century of his death. Notable people who were members of his order are various popes, along with Christopher Columbus, Fr. Mychal F. Judge,



OFM, (Chaplain of the New York Fire Dept. who died on September 11) Roger Bacon, and King and Queen Ferdinand and Isabella of Spain, St. Anthony of Padua and Junipero Serra the founder of the California missions.

Preaching, teaching, and parish work remain the work of the Franciscans today. The Poor Clares, Franciscan nuns, are the second order. The Third Order comprises lay men and women who combine prayer and penance with everyday activity. Many sisters, brothers, and priests follow the Franciscan ideal in communities affiliated with the Third Order. There are Franciscan communities in the Roman Catholic church and the Anglican churches and Francis remains as a fascinating and inspiring figure today as he was 800 years ago. Although he is best known today as a lover of nature and indeed his relationship with all creatures is an important part of his history, he was more than just a man (a hippie) who talked to birds and petted wolves. A most important part of his legacy is the fact that he recaptured a part of the biblical view of creation that had been lost because during the Middle Ages untamed nature often seemed more of an enemy than something to embrace. Today in many elements of our culture this concept has been distorted by those who worship Earth and nature rather than the loving God who created and gave them to us. It is not the Franciscan way.

In a growing world of commerce where the upper crust were greedy and grasping, Francis practiced and taught humility and poverty. In that complicated world Francis taught simplicity. Indeed, how he lived in 13th century Italy can guide us today in our efforts to seek the realities of Christ's Gospels. He embraced the outcasts of his society. That is certainly relevant in the world today that contains so many marginalized people and his joy was never stifled by his own illnesses and failures. He is a model for those of us today who find ourselves overcome by the world's problems and people's failure to solve them.

From the book, "To Live As Francis Lived" I offer the following: We are not called to leave the world, but to transform it. We remain in our families and maintain and deepen our friendships. But as we live our lives, our prayer and our lifestyle grow and change. The spirit gives us light and power to transform and

free us from all that hinders us from loving God and each other.

Here are some of the elements that characterize membership in our Franciscan Third Order:

- We are brothers and sisters in a fraternity expecting prayer and support from each other.
- We read and pray and live the gospel to learn the ways of Christ.
- We are joined with Jesus and each other in the holy Eucharist.
- We are able to deepen our life of prayer and our union with God.
- We have special concern for the works of peace and especially reconciliation.
- We seek to live simply, value persons above possessions, sharing what we have with others.
- We strengthen our loyalty to the church and her shepherds as to the Lord.
- We strive to help the sick the poor and the oppressed.
- We seek to develop leadership skills to receive the gifts of the Lord with gratitude.
- We receive strength to overcome the difficulties of life.
- We receive healing from the Lord and each other.
- What is known as The Prayer of St. Francis, which is only attributed to him, nevertheless comprises all that is embodied in the Franciscan life.



*Lord make me an instrument of thy peace.  
Where there is hatred let me sow love.  
Where there is injury, pardon.  
Where there is doubt, faith.  
Where there is despair, hope.  
Where there is sadness, joy.  
Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console.  
To be understood, as to understand.  
To be loved, as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.  
It is in dying that we are born to eternal life.*

This indeed is a sermon in its own right. In future articles I will examine it line by line and relate its meaning to the Franciscan life, as well as offer some insights into our Seraphic Father's life.

Pax et Bonum !

*(pictures from Bishop Leo's visit to Assisi, Italy in the fall of 2001)*



## Pittsburgh, PA (DOR)



*The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity, September 5, 2010, The Reverend Deacon Michael Rush of The Diocese of the Resurrection officiated at the public Morning Divine Service at 11:00 for the Sunday encampment of the Encampment of The 60th Royal American Regiment at Ft. Ligonier (in the Pittusburgh area).*



## All Saints Anglican Church Pittsburg, KS (DHTGP)



## Church of the Incarnation

Quakertown, PA  
*Sunday, September 19, at The Pro-Cathedral of the Incarnation, Quakertown, PA, the parish family celebrated the birthday of Matushka Erminia Kleppinger on the right. The third picture show Patrick Koerner, former Navy cook, who prepared the roast beef dinner for all to enjoy.*



*August 22, 2010. Baptism of Hailey Nolin by Bishop James McNeley with Martin Dickinson assisting and Gail Clark.*

# AROUND THE CCAR



## St. Peter's Anglican Church

Albuquerque, NM (DHTGP)

*Confirmation of Travis and Taynya and below a short Youth Meeting at an ice cream parlor.*



*Confirmations at Church of the Holy Family during the Episcopal Visit 2010 of the DHTGP. Fellowship at Holy Family, thanks to the labor of Bishop Kinner and the clergy Fr. Jimmy Dean and Dn. Bill Brummet. Confirmands: Elaine, Abigail and Danielle.*



## Church of the Holy Family

Casper, WY(DHTGP)

*Young moms with their Babies at Church of Holy Family, More moms at CHF are expecting.*



# AROUND HCCAR



*Ordination of Tony Sawick of St. John's in Lander, Wyo. to the diaconate at The Church of the Morning Star, Ethete, Wyo. on the Wind River Reservation and celebration. Kathy Sawick has also been involved in ministering to the American Indian People.*



# AROUND HCCAR



## WELCOME NEW ZEALAND

NZ.



He was present at the famous Allentown meeting when the HCC-AR was brought into being, subsequently suffering drawn out legal action brought against him in NZ by ACC-OP.

After the retirement of Bp Alexander Price, Bp Michael Wright became Episcopal Visitor to NZ. It became obvious that Bp Michael's health would not allow him to make the 26 hour flights to NZ, therefore to gain local Episcopal oversight Fr Ian placed his parish under the care of the TAC in Australia.

As Vicar General of TAC in NZ he attended the famous meeting in Portsmouth, at which the bishops of the TAC signed the letter to His Holiness Pope Benedict requesting full communion with Rome.

When a full and accurate view of the content of Rome's reply became known, Fr Ian made contact with Bp Kleppinger and Bp Samuel Banzana (an old friend) to discuss bringing his people home. In August 2010 New Zealand returned home to the HCC-AR.

Fr Ian is Chaplain to the Titirangi Branch of The Royal Returned Services Association, leading their ANZAC (Remembrance) Day services for the past 15 years, average attendance 3,000. He is also Chaplain to the Royal New Zealand Coastguard, (*himself steering the boat below*) insisting before accepting, that he became more than a figurehead. Accordingly after considerable on and off water training he is an operational crew member on Trusts Rescue (see [www.manukaucoastguard.org.nz](http://www.manukaucoastguard.org.nz)).

Married to Bee, with Tom their 13 year old son, Fr Ian lives in West Auckland close to the Waitakere Range of hills.

We welcome the two churches in Auckland and Oxford of New Zealand. We also welcome the clergy into the family of HCCAR: Fr. Ed Bakker of Oxford (near Christchurch) who had joined us earlier, Fr. Ian Woodman and Fr. Andrew Wooding.



Fr. Ian Woodman was ordained Deacon in 1992, Priest in 1993 and will be consecrated Bishop in 2010.

Bishop Elect Ian is an Englishman who moved to New Zealand in 1987.

An Anglo Catholic since birth, he was dismayed by the modernisation of the Anglican Church in New Zealand, and joined the ACC in



Fr. Ed Bakker



Fr. Andrew Wooding



# AROUND HCCAR

## Pro Cathedral, Colombia Diocese of Caribbean & New Granada



*Kneeling, the future Deacon is receiving the blessing from the Ordinary Bishop Victor Manuel Cruz Blanco, accompanied by the ArchDeacon Rev. Eduardo Orozco, Rev Miguel Antonio Arroyo and Deacon Julian Roberto Bobb Eslait.*

*Monsignor Víctor Manuel Cruz Blanco ordained Reverend Nicolás Enrique Palomo Pinto as a Deacon who is Venezuelan and lives in Ciudad Bolívar located in the south of Venezuela in the State of Bolívar, in the zone where the river Orinoco becomes narrower; where besides bringing the mission he is a teacher. He is married and has two children.*

*Brothers Nicolás and Andrés Felipe Vallejo and Jesús David De La Cruz were baptized. (on the right)*



# AROUND HCCAR



## RETIREMENT OF VEN. CRAWSHAW

Sheridan, Wyo. (DHTGP)

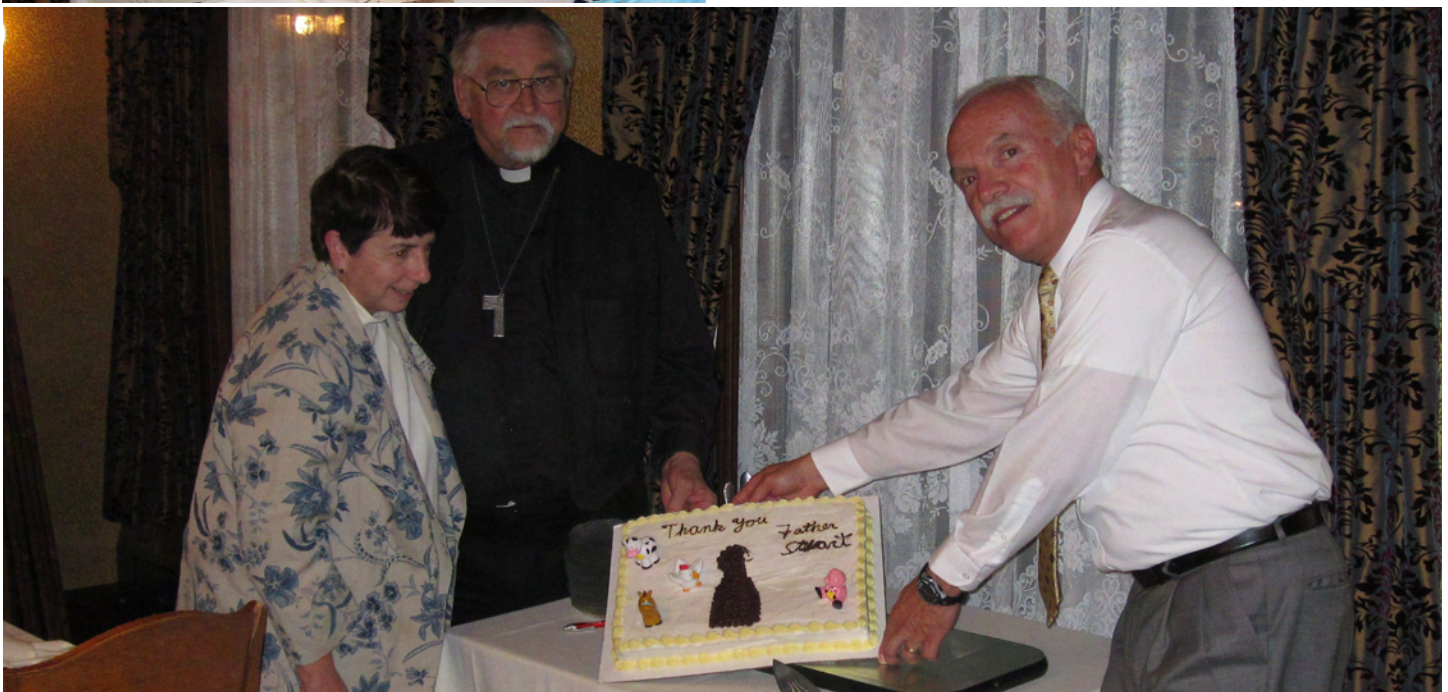
*Ven. Stuart and Connie Crawshaw were honored upon his retirement from being the Rector of the Church of Holy Trinity, upon his 78th birthday. Fr. Crawshaw will devote his time fully to the Third Order of St. Francis as its Father Guardian. Check out his article on page 8. Fr. Lewis Shepherd, who was mentored by Fr. Crawshaw will succeed him as the priest in charge of the congregation. A dinner in his honor was held by the parish at the Sheridan Inn. Photo Courtesy: Tibbie Kinner.*

*Below: Fr. Shepherd, Connie and Fr. Crawshaw, Mark Kinner, the Senior Warden presenting a cake and Anne Byrtus, Terry McNutt, Karlie Kinner, Bishop Kinner, Priscilla Kinner*

## St. James Anglican Church

Kansas City, MO (DHTGP)

*Christine Obiesie, member of St. James receiving the award for reading over 150 books in a school year 2009-2010. "The person presenting the award to me was my Principal, Linda Williams," Christine Obiesie said. "150 books was over 11 million words. 11,000,000 words also mean the entire population of Lagos, Nigeria and its also equivalent to 6 and a half book shelves in my school. I was very grateful for getting that award." Picture courtesy of TSS Photography.*



# AROUND HCCAR



## St. George with St. James Aguadulce, Sevilla, Spain. (Diocese of Europe)



Well, summer is starting to wind down although it is still beautiful weather here in Spain with temperatures into September well into their 30's. We have enjoyed our roof terrace this Summer and the air-conditioning has been well used throughout the hot weather. We approach Autumn and the following winter with interest as last winter was extremely wet and water storage, whether in reservoirs or in the vast natural subterranean caverns, achieved a remarkable three year period above ground and a further six years below ground. No hose-pipe bans here! It has been a good month for our Reader, Derek Cantellow, as he continues to make progress in his recovery from emergency surgery at the end of July. He has been supported by family and friends and should be fully fit in readiness for his ordination next month. More of this later. Once again, thank you to all who have kept Derek and our parish in your prayers.

On behalf of Derek and our parish, thank you all for your prayerful support and your good wishes. Derek is now back on track for his Ordination to the Diaconate on the 7th. October at the Diocesan Mass in Bath, England, and being raised to the Priesthood back here in Spain on the 9th. October. This service will also be the Confirmation of Christine Watson and will take place at 1045 on Saturday the 9th. October in the venue where we hold our Sunday Mass, the Meson on the Square, Fuente de Piedra, Malaga Province. Please regard this as your invitation and come and support Christine and Derek on this important day in their spiritual lives and development. (Fr. David Worsley assists Jenny and Glen Glaves and Pamela and George Franklin renew their marriage vows prior to the husbands' Pilgrimage. -From The Pigrimmage - Newsletter)

## CORPUS CHRISTI IN MOVIMIENTO

Body of Christ in Motion Anglican Church  
Rogers, Arkansas (DHTGP)

*Right: Fr. Rafael Carbajal and his congregation during the Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament that they have on Wednesdays. Fr. Carbajal continues to serve his people each Friday through a food bank. This priest of God is aglow with the Holy Spirit and handles all situations with smile and Christian resignation. The congregation is in search of a permanent home for their church. Let us hold them up to the Lord in prayer. True to its name, its the Body of Christ truly in motion.*



## ACTIONS LOUDER THAN WORDS

by Fr. Jimmie Dean, Church of the Holy Family,  
Casper, Wyoming



“Be ye doers of The Word and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: for he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.”

We have all been from time to time the listeners or the talkers and not the doers. It's much easier to be the former as opposed to the latter. This is a sharp reminder of those times when we have put off doing something we know needs doing. As

Larry the Cable Guy says, “git er done.”

This truth came more clear to me than ever before in August 2008. You can tell I didn't “git er done” as soon as I should have. It's taken me this long to submit this article.

That day in August, I attended a benefit breakfast in Casper, Wyoming for the local Boys and Girls Club. It was a big event, with several hundred people attending. The governor of our state was there along with U.S. Senator John Barrasso, and several other dignitaries from the local area. Approximately \$300,000 was raised for a very worthy cause. In addition to the money raised and upon hearing one of the youth speakers, the highlight of the event was the guest speaker.

I guess the kid side of me is coming out but the speaker has always been my favorite NFL player and a real hero of mine. When the benefit was over, I stood in line to shake his hand and have my book signed. It was a thrill to look him in the eye and tell him he was the best ever. He said, “Thank you” in a very sincere and kind manner. He played for the Chicago Bears in the late 60's and early 70's. He was the youngest player ever elected to the Pro-football Hall of Fame. He played his college ball at Kansas University. He was a running back and was if magic on the field. He could dodge tacklers and change direction on a dime like no other.

Some of you older people already know who he is. His name (#40) is Gale Sayers.

The message in his speech to young and old alike was to listen, watch, and remember those who have touched their lives, then go and set positive examples by what they did. He then spoke of people in his life who were positive examples by what they did for him. He spoke of his father who was the best and best known car polisher in Omaha, Nebraska who never made more than \$2,300 a year. Sayers said, “Your job depends on what you get in life, but your life depends on what you give.” (whatever you drink, whatever you eat, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God.) 1 Corin. 10:31

The two others who made great impressions on him you may recall from the 1970's movie “Brian's Song” starring James Caan and Billy Dee Williams. The movie was about his years playing for the Bears and his close friend, roommate and teammate Brian Piccolo, and Coach/Team Owner George Halas. Sayers said he has never seen such courage and not a day goes by that he doesn't think of his friend Brian Piccolo who died of cancer at age 26. Gale said he never was religious in his life but prayed to God to save his dying friend.

He later wrote a book, “I am third. “In the book he realized when Piccolo was dying, that God was first, family second, and himself third. He told how George Halas who was known as a tightwad paid off Piccolo's hospital bill of nearly a half-a-million dollars. This was another example of what Gale Sayers saw some-

one do. He concluded his speech by saying, “I would rather see a sermon than hear one any day.”

Jesus came as our Lord not to dominate people but to serve them. He didn't tell the apostles to wash each others feet. He did it himself. He not only spoke the words of the beautiful “Sermon on the Mount, He was the sermon.

Faith is essential for salvation but James goes on to say in Chapter 2:14-18 that deeds are how the Gospel is brought to life. “Go preach the Gospel and if you must use words.”

## Is Evangelism an Anglican Thing to Do?

By Father David Valentini  
(DPSW)



When the idea of evangelism comes to mind, many men and women may hold certain images; some of these range from a man impeccably dressed and zealously telling the audiences to commit their lives to Christ, to people coming to your door on a Saturday and asking if you have been “saved.” This brings me to my first point.

In the Western World, a large number of people believe that to be an evangelical, one must be a member of a very fundamentalist Christian community or a “mega-church” that fills all the seats on Sunday morning. However, we are all evangelicals. After Eastertide, our Lord appeared to his disciples, and exhorted them to go throughout the world making “disciples of men”; this is called “the Great Commission.” In fact, the Scriptures recorded this event prominently. This passage was not taken out by the Undivided Church.

1900 years before the modern day evangelists, men like Saint Paul and Saint Patrick were following the Great Commission. Saint Paul's missionary journeys took him through the Middle East, Southern Europe, and some historians believe to ancient Britain. Saint Patrick helped reintroduce Christianity to Northern Ireland in the 5th century. The Christian Faith in the British Isles was decimated by pagan Saxon invasions. Christianity did survive in isolated areas of Wales, Ireland, and southern England.

In 862, Greek missionaries Cyril and Methodius began to spread the Christian Faith in Russia and Eastern Europe. They brought with them both the western rite of Saint Gregory and the liturgies of the Eastern Churches. These two brothers endured extremely cold weather to achieve their objectives. In 1152, Englishman Nicholas Breakspere, later Pope Adrian IV, arrived in Scandinavia as a papal legate and created the diocese of Hamar in Norway. His achievements there earned him the designation as “the Apostle to the North.”

Anglican evangelists were evident in Colonial America. Beginning in 1740, Anglican priest George Whitefield preached to thousands of people throughout New York, New England and the Southern colonies. He preached during a period called the Great Awakening, which was a period of intense religious revival in the Colonies and Great Britain. The Great Awakening encouraged personal inward reflection and higher standards of Christian morality. Whitefield preached about the availability of God's grace regardless of denomination. One of the colonial intellectuals that he had an impact on was Benjamin Franklin, one of the five authors of

the Declaration of Independence. After hearing one of Whitefield's sermons he remarked:

"wonderful...change soon made in the manners of our inhabitants. From being thoughtless or indifferent about religion, it seem'd as if all the world were growing religious, so that one could not walk through' the town in an evening without hearing psalms sung in different families of every street."

The above mentioned examples clearly point out that evangelism is not an un-Anglican thing to do. The Anglican Church owes its spiritual development to the Christ Himself, the Apostles, and the Undivided Church. Therefore, we share in the evangelical activities that took place from the 1st century to the present. However, many people look at evangelism as something that they are not exactly comfortable with. Many individuals are uneasy speaking in front of groups. Other individuals fear being labeled a religious fanatic. However, evangelism can take many forms. One of the simplest and easiest forms is one advocated by Mother Teresa of Calcutta, who said "find one person and simply love them." One another form evangelism could be simply remaining calm in a volatile situation or simply giving a kind word to someone having a bad day. San Diego pastor David Jeremiah stated the easiest form of evangelism is simply to tell another person as to what God has done for us in our lives. He stated "I am sure that you can do that."

As Anglican Christians it is more important than ever to share the Faith. The "spirit of this age" as German philosopher Hegel would call it is one of rapid change. American historian Charles Francis Adams called this "the velocity of history." In the book "Future Shock" by Alvin Toffler, written 40 years ago, argues that changes that took place over 100-1,000 years are now transpiring at a rate of 10-100 years. This rapid change makes many people confused, disoriented, or asking what is constant. The constant is the Christian Faith. The enduring truth of God contained in the Scriptures. The grace of God as conveyed in the seven sacraments. The power of prayer that has the ability to transform lives. It is our duty as Anglican Christians to bring Christ to a divided and broken world. In the process, we fulfill the words of the Lord's prayer: "Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will is done."

## REACHING OUT TO OUR YOUTH

by Bishop Leo Michael

I'm writing this pastoral letter to address a few concerns across our diocese, the important one being our ability to care for the youth of our church. We offer our annual youth camp, but I do believe that we need to do more to focus on the age group from 18 and those through their 20's who sometimes get sidelined, often unintentionally. This group is an important segment and the future of the church. The way in which we receive them or recognize them or invite them to have some belongingness in our churches is of utmost importance.

The story of Jesus and the young man seeking eternal life (Mark 10:17-31) and the Lord's disappointment in the young man's refusal of the same, speaks volumes. Let us not lose any opportunity to meet with the young and speak to their hearts. As pastors we need to empathize with their hopes, expectations, dreams and goals and help them achieve this closeness to the Lord and thereby to the church. As pastors it's not enough to love them, but to make it evident to them that they are loved. St. John Bosco, the patron saint of the youth of 18th century spent his life and died serving the youth. He said that pastors need to be the sign and bearer of God's



love for the young. His three pronged method rooted in pastoral praxis in serving the young: reason, religion and loving kindness.

- REASON (with fairness and persuasion, seen in opposition to repression and imposition): the centrality of reason which becomes reason-

ableness of requests and rules, flexibility and persuasiveness in proposals;

- RELIGION: understood as developing the sense of God present in every person and the power of Christian evangelization; the preventive criterion which believes in the strength of the good already present in every youngster, even the most needy, and which seeks to develop this through positive good experiences;

- LOVING KINDNESS: expressed as an educative love that enables growth and brings about a meeting of minds and hearts; the wish to be amidst the young sharing their life, looking empathetically at their world, attentive to their real experiences and values; the unconditional acceptance that becomes a tireless capacity for dialogue and power for their growth;

- with a style or approach of animation (infusing soul or essence into what we do) or direction that believes in the positive resources of the young.

Can we show that we love them? How about inviting them for a meal or fellowship apart from the ones we have for other members? How about Bible studies specific to their age group? We could find curriculum that is youth specific and appointing someone under your direction to facilitate. How about projects where the youth can be involved in cleaning the church or hospital or nursing homes visits? There are many ways to engage them in the community. If they have musical talents, they could engage with the choir or in Sacred music. Or even asking them for feedback on the services, outreach, and how effectively we can accomplish the same.

Youth, once convinced, will stand by their convictions after they see and ascertain things for themselves. We need to help them gain ground in their faith and in this we are pastors. We know that each one is free to attend a church of their choice, regardless of what their parents may adhere to. We may accept the status quo and deal with it. If we do know that this is our faith, the best kept secret, what are we doing to help them see that our church is a solid one and that we are interested in them and their well being? We need to make the first move to engage with them.

I recommend us all to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who saw to it that her only son grew in favor with God and men: "Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart.. And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men (Lk2:51-57. Let us not forget that today's youth are the leaders of tomorrow!

May we continue to labor for the greater glory of God and for the salvation of souls!

# CHURCH MANNERS

For your God and your parish  
by Vaughn Trout, St. Gabriel's, Greeley, CO

1. Be on time, clean and presentable for group worship and honoring your God.
2. Genuflect when passing before the altar; Assume, unless you know otherwise, that God is present in the tabernacle in the form of His Son's Body and Blood.
3. Quietly find your seat and, kneeling, offer yourself in prayer before being seated.
4. Prepare for Mass. Find the Propers in the Lectionary if you plan to follow along in the Missal. Fill any time you have before the Priest enters by appropriate reading and/or meditation and prayer.
5. During Mass:
  - a) Be a harmonic part of the group worship.
  - b) Do nothing to be a distraction to others and don't be distracted. If someone arrives late or are themselves diverted by circumstance, grant them and your God the courtesy of keeping your face and your attention to the service. It is good to learn to foresee certain possible distractive situations and thus to avoid them by such strategies as choosing your seating or, of course, by committing your attention to prayer.
  - c) Stand as the priest enters the sanctuary and again when he departs, and during the Gospel and the Creed
  - d) After receiving the Eucharist return quietly to your seat, not disturbing those in prayer or still waiting to receive and maintaining your attention inwardly to the sacrament you have just assimilated.
6. Continue to participate and remain in your place until the service is completely finished, i.e. the exit of the priest and his retinue, the completion of the last hymn and the extinguishing of the altar candles. Then offer yourself in prayer again, kneeling, before leaving quietly. Once outside the sanctuary, joyfully greet and mix with your fellow Christians.

## Life in the Wild by Doris Lane (DPSW)

*I'm reading a book 'bout life I don't know,  
High in the mountains where most folks don't go,  
Where lions and deer and bobcats may roam  
In the place where squirrels and rabbits call home.*

*Up in the trees and down on the ground,  
All of the animals are wandering around.  
Bears are there, too, all furry and warm,  
Watching and waiting for bees to swarm.*

*Then they'll eat honey, and berries galore.  
They'll eat 'til they're full, and then eat some more.  
They'll swim in the lake, eat fish in the streams,  
And bask in the sun and dream their sweet dreams.*

*When winter sets in and the snow is knee-deep,  
They'll know that it's time for a very long sleep.  
They've gorged all summer and gained lots of weight.  
They'll enter a cave and there hibernate.*

*Bear cubs are born then, their moms' joy and pride.  
When springtime arrives, she'll take them outside.  
She'll teach them her ways, to fish and to swim,  
And how to find food to pamper each whim.*

*The Lord's own creation, some large and some small,  
In His creation He planned for them all.  
We must respect them, and leave them their land  
So they can live free as the Lord has planned.*

*Doris Lane, 90 years of age, is legally blind, has great difficulty hearing, and is unable to walk for any great length of time, so she is confined to her home and her comfortable chair. Her friends provide transportation for her so that she is able to attend church at St. Thomas à Becket in Sacramento, California. She still does what she can to help with the altar guild, and was the church organist for many years, in many congregations. Doris is very alert, thoughtful, and quite adept at painting word pictures through her poetry prowess. She accomplishes her writing this way: She composes and memorizes entire poems, then later recites them to me from memory. I write down her words, then my husband types them into the finished product. Her memorization skills are remarkable - Martha Lane*

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## AND GOD CREATED A ROCK

by Kenji Houston, St. James Anglican Church, Kansas City

Professor Moore was an atheist. For twenty years, whenever his class had a field trip, he would prove that there was no God. He would look up to heaven and ask: "God, IF you exist, create a rock even you can't lift." So for twenty years God never answered his challenge. One bright sunny day, he made his usual challenge: "God, IF you exist, create a rock that even you can't lift." This time God answered. Dark clouds covered the sky. Then a great light appeared in the heavens and God thundered: "SO BE IT!" Heaven and earth shook, and there appeared a giant boulder. The professor smugly asked: "'God', If you are God. Then let us see you lift this rock one metre off the ground.' Again God thundered: 'SO BE IT!' Heaven and earth shook, And the rock rose one metre off the ground. Seeing this the arrogant professor exclaimed: Ah ha! I have irrevocably proven God can not exist. You can't created a rock you can't lift. You created this rock. And now you have lifted this rock one metre off the ground! Er go you can not exist! Complete silence fell upon heaven and earth. And God answered: "Well actually I didn't lift the rock one metre up. I moved the rest of the universe one metre down."

## SAINT GABRIEL'S, GREELEY, CO

by Fr. Lawrence Kern (DHTGP)



*Nuestras XV Años  
Sasha y Mercedes  
Salon Island Grove  
Exhibition Hall  
Island Grove Park  
Comida:  
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
Baile:  
hasta la 1:00 am  
Semiformal  
Personas*

Saint Gabriel, Greeley Colo. has been active with the usual parish activities, Baptisms, 1st Communions, Quinceaneras as well as a couple of marriages. One of the Quinceaneras was for Sasha and Mercedes Ferman. The service was outside because of the large number of participants. Needless to say, the girls were beautiful, the boys handsome. The party following was at a hall somewhere else."

A couple of the children baptized were 20 days old and couple was 50 years old. Baptizing is a real joy.

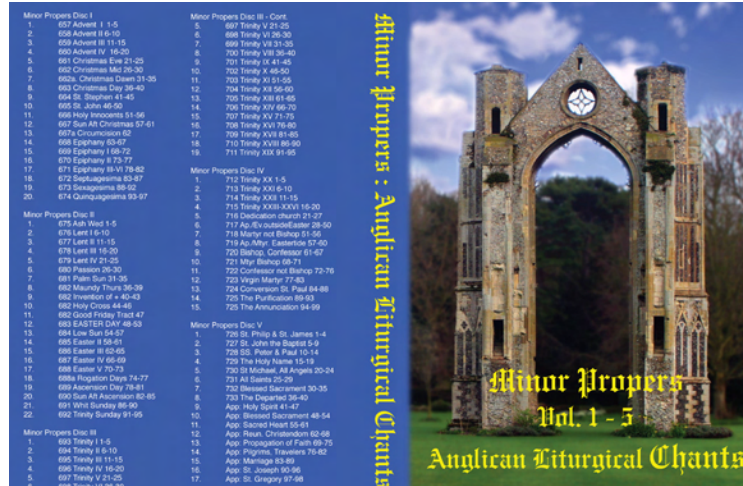
A new roof was put on and some painting done. The remainder of painting the exterior is on hold until next year.

(Editor's Note: Baptisms by Fr. Kern so

far this year: 156 and counting!!)

# WHAT IF YOU CAN'T AFFORD A CANTOR, OR NEED A BACK-UP ?

*O Worship the Lord  
in the beauty of holiness  
Psalm 96:9*



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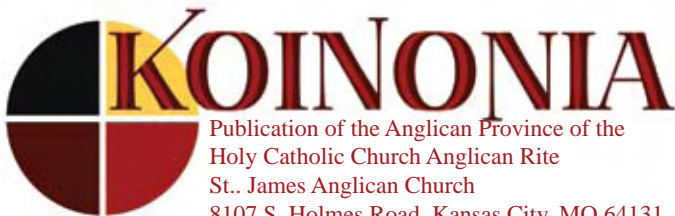
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