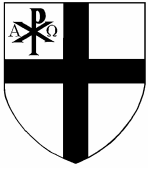


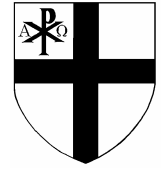
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## BISHOP'S EPISTLE

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! It has been an eventful summer for the APA, with Diocesan and the Provincial Synods being held most recently in the St. Louis area. There was much to accomplish and my appreciation goes to those who worked so hard coordinating these events. For those who were unable to attend the Provincial Synod, you can find a copy of my Address to the Synod 2008 on the APA website.

I want to thank Gene O'Hara who has taken on the website duties. He has brought much new energy and ideas and has managed to keep everyone informed as to what is happening in the Anglican Province of America and in the Dioceses. I want to encourage each of you to regularly check our website for updated information on all aspects of our Province. I want to publicly thank Mrs. Pat Peirce who for many years has been in charge of the webpage and our Ecclesia Magazine. We appreciate her long and faithful service to the church. Our prayers are with Pat as she is going through an adjustment period after the loss of her husband, Al, who was a long time layreader and vestryman at St. Paul's Church, Cincinnati, Ohio and a former member of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of the East.

### *Communion of Christ the Redeemer in Patrimony*

One of the new and exciting challenges the APA has taken on is the relationship with the Communion of Christ the Redeemer (CCR). I have attached a copy of the resolution which provides that the CCR will be under the Patrimony of the Presiding Bishop over the next three years as we work to bring our churches together and the CCR into full compliance with the APA Constitution and Canons. I have appointed Fr. Ray Unterburger as Chairman of the Committee for the APA and Bishop Lipka, Presiding Bishop of the CCR will appoint his Committee. We pray that the Lord will guide us as we work together to bring traditional Anglicans of good will under one banner.

We are pleased to announce the election of three new

members to the Provincial Council at our Synod. They are for the House of Bishops, Bishop Larry Shaver, for the clergy, Fr. Brian Foos, and for lay members, Ben Sibley and Gene O'Hara. The APA treasurer for the past 10 years has been Bill Jourdan. Bill announced his resignation and retirement from the position at the APA Synod and nominated D.J. Fulton to be the new treasurer. The Provincial Synod members gave a standing ovation for Bill in thanksgiving for his service. D.J. was elected by acclamation and he, too, will be a member of the Provincial Council.

### *News from the Diocese of Mid-America (formerly St. Augustine)*

One of the action items that the APA undertook was to pass a resolution to make the non-geographical Diocese of St. Augustine the permanent geographical Diocese of Mid-America. The DEUS at their Synod in June 2008, ceded the States of Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Illinois and Kentucky, Minnesota to the DMA. Any parish which was part of a diocese where they are not geographically resident can appeal to remain in their original diocese by request to the bishop ordinaries involved and the presiding bishop. ***This must be done before January 24, 2009.***

### *Mission Field*

Fr. Francis Wardega attended the APA Synod and made presentation of his missionary work and his final appeal for funds before his journey to Tanzania, Africa. Through the generosity of a number of individuals and parishes, we were able to more than meet Fr. Wardega's expense budget; he is presently doing his mission work in Tanzania now. He has sent several reports back to the States of the progress of his mission. Thank you to all for your generosity and primarily to Fr. Francis for his willingness to go spread the Gospel where most of us cannot.

### *Important concerns from the Registrar*

The Very Rev. William Perkins, Registrar of the APA,

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has reported that a large number of clergy, particularly in the DOW and DMA, have no Oath of Conformity or other required registration forms in the Canonically required Office of the Registrar. Compliance with the Canon is required for "good-standing" in the Province and will result in no voice or vote at Synods. I will be making a concerted effort on my visits to have forms with me and will be prepared to have signed and witnesses. I ask our other Bishops to do likewise.

## *News from the DEUS*

Many thanks to the Church of St. Paul in Annapolis (Crownsville), Maryland and Bishop Robert Loiselle for the wonderful job of hosting the Synod this past June. We were able to meet for the Synod Eucharist in their new building, which was nearly complete by the time we were there. The Church building will be officially dedicated on Sunday, October 12, 2008 at 3:00 PM. It should be a grand occasion and we look forward to members of all our surrounding parishes coming to the celebration.

We are pleased to announce the ordinations of a number of our men who have been approved by the Board of Examining Chaplains and the Standing Committee to the Bishop. On August 23, 2008, the Rev. LeRoy "Chris" Gardner was ordained to the Sacred Priesthood at St. Matthew's Anglican Church, Riverview, Florida. On September 20, 2008, Daniel Trout was ordained to the Diaconate at St. Alban's Cathedral, Oviedo, Florida. On October 11, 2008, Thomas Burr will be ordained to the Diaconate at St. Paul's Church, Crownsville, Maryland. Please remember these men in your prayers that the Lord will guide and bless them as they begin their journeys.

At the DEUS Synod, two new deans were appointed and those parishes that were outside present deaneries have now been included in the rearrangement. Fr. John Lathrop has been appointed to lead the Deanery of Appalachia with Fr. Mark Clavier's resignation and Fr. William Stott has been appointed as Dean of the Northeast which includes New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts. Fr. Gene Mallard's Deanery of Georgia has been renamed the Deanery of the Deep South and now includes Holy Spirit Church, Mobile, Alabama.

The DEUS Standing Committee has two new members elected at Synod, D.J. Fulton, who was elected treasurer of the Diocese and will thereby serve on the Standing

Committee and Betty Royer as one of the lay representatives. We thank those who have served faithfully on the SC over the past three years and have rotated off. Our long time treasurer, William "Bill" Jourdan announced his retirement and was honored at both the DEUS and APA Synods for his long and faithful service to both. We wish both Bill and Doris well and appreciate them both.

Again, one of the valuable experiences of our DEUS Synod was the break out sessions on various subjects of interest to our people. We had a wide range of subjects including, music, Christian Education, Mission planting and building and charitable remainder trusts and legal issues. We are most grateful for the work done by the leaders of the various group sessions.

The DEUS bid a fond farewell to Fr. Mark Clavier. Fr. Mark has been a life-long member of this church and diocese and it was with real mixed feelings that we said "good-bye." Our prayers are with Mark, Diane and Paul.

## *Parish Openings in the DEUS*

With the resignation of Fr. Mark Clavier, All Saints' Church, Mills River, North Carolina is now vacant. Fr. Paul Blankinship is serving as their interim priest-in-charge. Senior Warden David Fort has been interviewing possible candidates for suitability for the parish and would be interested talking with you if you think you might be led to apply. Also, Fr. Cass Daley has resigned as vicar of Christ's Church, Highlands/Cashiers, North Carolina. Charlie Hammond, Senior Warden has told me that the church is in a period of discernment and prayer as they consider how the Lord is leading them and what their next step should be. Also, Fr. Frank Watts, Military Chaplain and priest-in-charge of St. James, Gloucester, Virginia is being transferred by the Air Force and thus creating an opening at St. James. Holy Nativity, Lima, Ohio, now part of the Diocese of Mid-America, will no longer have the services of Fr. Pat Lowery of the ACA to help them. They need a priest who is willing to come and perhaps work a secular job and help them get up and going once again. They have their own building and they need a faithful pastor. Place contact Bishop Shaver if you are interested.

## *New Building Purchased*

Holy Cross Anglican Church, Knoxville, Tennessee closed on their new building recently. The congregation is busy working and remodeling the church building and

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they expect to occupy the church in the next couple of months. Other good news for the congregation, they are in the process of calling a new priest, Fr. Brett Travis. Fr. Travis is a close acquaintance of Fr. Gene Mallard from the military chaplaincy. We look forward to working with him.

## *Final word*

I hope all of you have had at least a little time off during the summer months to recharge and rest as we anticipate the busy-ness of the fall season. From the many newsletters that I receive, it seems that there are numerous activities planned and interesting new ideas. I have made it a practice in my ministry to read everyone's newsletters as it is a great way to give and receive ideas. Always remember, the real work of the church is where the people are. The work of the kingdom goes on in the local parish, where people are ministered to through word and sacrament and where the lost are reclaimed for our Lord. Sitting in front of the computer and reading and writing are all well and good as long as they do not interfere with our personal contact with our parishioners. May the Lord help us to continually focus and refocus on the work he has called us to do as clergy and lay leaders of our church.

Each time I attempt to get this Letter finished, some breaking news happens and/or something that requires my immediate attention occurs. As you now know, Bishop Richard Boyce has resigned from the APA DOW. Although not a surprise, this is a disappointment. Bishop Boyce has requested a transfer to the Reformed Episcopal Church along with Bishop Winfield Mott. As some of you know, Bishop Boyce has been dissatisfied that the APA did not align itself with the Common Cause Partnership at this time and this, I believe, has been his primary motivation for leaving. I have sought to provide for an orderly transition for all who wish to leave DOW/APA to transfer to the REC. There are a number of the clergy and parishes of the West who do not wish to leave the APA and until such time as I can determine who is remaining, I have appointed the Very Rev. Douglas King, former member of DOW, to be the interim administrator. Once we know who is still in the DOW/APA, I will call a Special Synod along with the Standing Committee members of DOW and fill the necessary offices. We wish peace to Bishops Boyce and Mott and all who decide to leave the APA. We pray the Lord will inspire the leadership in the DOW/APA as we move forward with the work of

building Christ's kingdom.

Blessings to all,

+*Walter*

## Ad Clerum

Ordinations: The Rev. Leroy 'Chris' Gardner was ordained to the Priesthood on August 23, 2008 at St. Matthew's Church, Riverview, Florida. Fr. Chris will serve as Assisting Priest at Church of the Redeemer in Hilton Head, South Carolina where Fr. Robert Peeples is Rector. The Rev. Mr. Daniel Trout was ordained to the Diaconate on September 20, 2008 at St. Alban's Cathedral, Oviedo, Florida. Fr. Dan will serve as Curate at the Cathedral.

Call Accepted: The Rev. Kevin Burks has been appointed as Priest-in-charge of St. Luke's Church, Port Orange, Florida.

The Rev. Gordon Anderson has accepted a call to be Vicar at St. Francis Church, Blacksburg, Virginia.

The Very Rev. Gene Mallard, Dean-in-charge, St. Thomas, Mt. Airy, Georgia.

The Rev. Ted Bolduc (ACA) licensed to serve as priest-in-charge at Holy Spirit, Pepperell, Massachusetts.

Resignation: The Very Rev. Mark Clavier has moved to England to pursue postgraduate work at the University of Durham.

The Rt. Rev. Richard Boyce, resigned and transferred to REC. The Rt. Rev. Winfield Mott, resigned and transferred to REC.

The Rev. Cassius Daly resigned as Vicar of Christ Church, Highland/Cashiers.

## Vacancies:

All Saints Church, Mills River, NC

Christ Church, Highland/Cashiers, NC

St. James, Gloucester, VA

Holy Nativity, Lima, OH

## Prayer List

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

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Oct. 11: Ordination to Diaconate, Thomas Burr, St. Paul's Church, Crownsville, MD	23
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Oct. 26: Confirmation at St. Paul's Church, Melbourne, FL	
Nov. 1: Ordination and Visitation, St. Alban's, Tacoma, Washington	
Nov. 2: Ordination, Confirmation, St. Michael's Wilsonville, Oregon.	
Nov. 7-9: Episcopal Visit to St. George Church, Greenville, S.C.	

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### July Birthdays

09	The Rev. Canon Rufus Kite-Powell
15	The Rev. Gene Bagen
18	The Rev. Richard Blyth
20	The Rev. Mr. Alton Witham
30	The Rev. James Donnelly

## July Anniversaries

The Most Rev. Larry Shaver, OSB, <i>Bishop</i>
The Rev. Dr. John Longcamp, <i>Diaconate</i>
The Rev. James Donnelly, <i>Diaconate</i>
The Rev. John Poole, <i>Priesthood</i>
The Rev. Daniel Malcom, <i>Diaconate</i>
The Rev. Chip Sills, Jr., <i>Diaconate</i>

## August Birthdays

The Rev. Kevin Burks
The Very Rev. Douglas King, SSA
The Rev. Raymond Unterburger
The Rev. M. Tracy Smith
The Rev. Douglas Woofter
The Rev. Mr. Ernie Pinto
The Rev. Canon Ralph Waterhouse

## August Anniversaries

The Rt. Rev. C. Peter Brewer, <i>Bishop</i>
The Rt. Rev. C. Peter Brewer, <i>Diaconate</i>
The Rt. Rev. C. Peter Brewer, <i>Priesthood</i>
The Rev. Canon Robert Tregenza, <i>Diaconate</i>
The Rev. Mr. Ernie Pinto, <i>Diaconate</i>
The Rev. Elbin Mojica, <i>Priesthood</i>
The Rev. Roger Bell, <i>Priesthood</i>
The Rev. Michael Northup, <i>Priesthood</i>

## September Birthdays

Bro. Pat Fermo, OSF
The Rev. William Shuler
The Rev. George Ates
The Rt. Rev. Robert Loiselle
The Very Rev. Gene Mallard
The Rev. Franklin Endres
The Rev. Robert Tufton
The Rev. Paul Gerlock
The Very Rev. Glenn Spencer
The Ven. Erich Zwingert, SSC
The Rev. Canon Larry Emerson
The Rev. Mr. Robert Hammes

## September Anniversaries

05	The Rev. Douglas Woofter, <i>Diaconate</i>
07	The Rev. Michael Stranz, OSF, <i>Diaconate</i>
10	The Rev. Dr. James Duncan, <i>Diaconate</i>
10	The Rev. Dr. James Duncan, <i>Priesthood</i>
10	The Very Rev. Rufus Kite-Powell, <i>Diaconate</i>
10	The Very Rev. Rufus Kite-Powell, <i>Priesthood</i>
18	The Rev. Howard Underwood, <i>Priesthood</i>
21	The Rev. Raymond Unterburger, <i>Priesthood</i>

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22	The Rev. David Haines, <i>Diaconate</i>
24	The Rev. J. Gordon Anderson, <i>Diaconate</i>
25	The Rt. Rev. Herbert Groce, Jr., SSC, <i>Priesthood</i>
26	The Rev. Michael Stranz, OSF, <i>Priesthood</i>
28	The Very Rev. M. William Stott, <i>Diaconate</i>
29	The Very Rev. M. William Stott, <i>Priesthood</i>

## October Birthdays

01	The Rev. Eric Holle
03	The Very Rev. William Perkins, Jr.
05	The Rev. David Conway
05	The Rev. John Novak III
05	The Rev. Michael Stranz, OSF
11	The Rev. Irving Cook
13	The Rev. David Chatel
13	The Rev. Canon William Weston
17	The Rev. Roger Bell
18	The Rev. Daniel Malcomb
20	The Rev. Canon Burdett Geer
20	The Rev. Edward Warner
26	The Rev. James Reber
27	The Rev. C. William Carter
27	The Rev. Elbin Mojica

## October Anniversaries

01	The Rev. Bro. Pat Fermo, OSF, <i>Diaconate</i>
02	The Rev. Canon Kenneth Badger, <i>Diaconate</i>
02	The Rev. Michael Eatmon, <i>Diaconate</i>
02	The Rev. Canon R. Larry Emerson, <i>Priesthood</i>
03	The Rev. George Ates, <i>Diaconate</i>
03	The Rev. Johann Vanderbijl III, <i>Priesthood</i>
05	The Rev. David Conway, <i>Priesthood</i>
05	The Ven. Gene Mitchusson, <i>Diaconate</i>
07	The Very Rev. Richard Bakley, <i>Priesthood</i>
07	The Rev. James Donnelly, <i>Priesthood</i>
07	The Very Rev. Douglas King, SSA, <i>Priesthood</i>
07	The Rev. Canon Richard Smith, <i>Priesthood</i>
08	The Rev. Robert Tufton, <i>Diaconate</i>
09	The Rev. Craig Luesing, <i>Priesthood</i>
13	The Rev. Eric Holle, <i>Priesthood</i>
14	The Rev. M. Tracy Smith, <i>Priesthood</i>
16	The Most Rev. Larry Shaver, OSB, <i>Diaconate</i>
17	The Most Rev. Larry Shaver, OSB, <i>Priesthood</i>
19	The Rev. Canon Burdett Geer, <i>Priesthood</i>
22	The Rev. C. William Carter, <i>Priesthood</i>
23	The Most Rev. Walter Grundorf, D.D., <i>Diaconate</i>
26	The Rev. Richard Baskwill, <i>Diaconate</i>
26	The Rev. Irving Cook, <i>Priesthood</i>

## October Anniversaries (cont.)

30	The Rt. Rev. Robert Loiselle, <i>Diaconate</i>
31	The Rev. Canon Robert Tregenza, PhD, <i>Priesthood</i>
31	The Rev. Edward Warner, <i>Priesthood</i>

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