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Save the Date!

Clergy Day *for the Diocese of Pennsylvania*

To be held on Tuesday,
October 5th
at **Daylesford Abbey, Paoli.**



Arrival time at 9:30 for coffee and rolls, with the program beginning at 10:00AM. Lunch will be provided. Departure about 3:15 so you can leave before the traffic builds. Reservations are required so we can know the number for lunch. Online registration will be available next week. In the meantime, contact J.D. Lafrance at Church House (jdlafrance@diopa.org) to reserve a place.

More details to follow!

This is . . . MMM!

The intent of the Monthly Ministry Memo is to share with the leadership of the diocese information from the Office of the Bishop. It is not a newsletter in the general sense — that function we hope will be accomplished by our new Quarterly Journal and the digital “Newsletter” each month comprised of certain website articles. There is also the “Parish-to-Parish Weekly” which shares events and happenings throughout the diocese every Thursday and now also a diocesan Group page on Facebook. The MMM is distributed each month to clergy, lay leadership and anyone else who might be interested in receiving it!

The Bishop’s Letter for August

Bishop Michel is away on retreat with the Brothers of the Order of St. Gregory for whom he is the Bishop Visitor. His regular sharing with you in this Memo will return next month.

A thought from the Canon for Episcopal Administration and Communication

What’s in a Title? Several weeks ago I was invited to the 80th birthday celebration for a dear aunt back on Long Island. One of my cousins E-mailed me to ask, “*What do we call you now?*” My response was rather straightforward, just “Paul.” I trust that is how the Lord knows me ... Paul. I did mention that some of the folks at the Office refer to me as “the Canon” (*and maybe something else when I’m not in the room*) but Paul works just fine and I appreciate when our clergy are comfortable with calling me by my given name as well.



We in the Episcopal Church are sometimes big on titles. We have a propensity for labeling people and things, and sometimes with words uncommon to many of the folks

out there. For starters, just what is a “Canon?” Well in the English Church tradition a Canon is one who brings order. I like to think that is at least some of what I do, but of course, it depends on your perspective. And what do we call a Priest or Presbyter in our Church? Many are called Father or Mother.

*There are still
some tickets left
but not many.*



**Time
is
running
out!**

Save the Date!!!

**Episcopal Diocese of
Pennsylvania Night
at the Phillies game —
Sept. 6th [Labor Day
Night]**

Tickets are \$20.00 each.
Call The Rev. Kathy Walter
at 610-941-6666.

Every now and then I find myself being called “Reverend”, especially by the media. But Reverend is an honorific which is used in a person’s title in addressing a letter to them such as “The Reverend John or Jane Doe.” But calling them “Reverend” is somewhat improper. However, I must admit to my conservatism on this matter, knowing that usage and style vary so much in this day and age. Calling someone Reverend is akin to calling a judge “Honorable” just because they use the title “The Hon. So-and-So.” Get the point. You wouldn’t say, “Hi, honorable, how are you doing today?” It’s the same with Reverend.

And then there are Vicars. Now a Vicar leads a Mission (which is not yet a parish) on behalf of the Bishop. Some dioceses have done away with missions, allowing all congregations to be called Parishes, and all clergy, Rectors. (We don’t usually refer to them as “Rector”, either, that’s like calling them Reverend.) Now Vicar has a great advantage in that it is “inclusive” gender-wise. It is neither male nor female.

Some of our clergy, especially some of our women clergy who do not like using the title “Mother”, often use the term “Pastor.” Now that, too, is gender neutral. But every once in a while some parishioners think that is just a bit much Protestant for them.

What a time we have with titles! If you are not sure what to call someone, just ask them how they would like to be addressed and then courteously address them in that manner and not something they might be uncomfortable with ... which they might otherwise find offensive. Just don’t call a male priest “Mother.” He might very well be offended. And the converse holds as well.

And it doesn’t end here. The Presiding Bishop is the chief pastor and primate who leads the national Episcopal Church. She uses the title “The Most Rev.” All other bishops use the title “The Right Rev”. before their name (but we call them all “Bishop”.) Priests who head a Chapter, or governing body of a cathedral, are called Dean and are addressed as “The Very Rev.” Archdeacons are addressed with the honorific “The Venerable”, as in The Venerable Jim Ley (We call him Archdeacon Jim). And senior members of a cathedral staff are also known as Canons.

Using some of these basic courtesies is a very positive step in communicating with clergy.

Paul+

The Canon for Episcopal Administration and Communication in the Diocese of Pennsylvania (*A title and a half!*)

News of the Family

- The Rev. Kathy Walters has had knee surgery and is on the road to recovery.
- Padre Carlos Santos-Rivera is at the Einstein (North) Hospital having suffered a severe back injury. He is beginning to show some signs of improvement.
- Bishop Michel is away for a much deserved respite.

DioPA is now on Facebook



The diocese now has a Group page on Facebook. The group name is “Diocese of Pennsylvania “ and can be accessed directly at the following URL:



<http://www.facebook.com/?sk=nf#!/group.php?gid=104533336268835>

This is the latest addition in our attempt to communicate better and in more varied ways around the diocese. One of the values of Facebook is that postings can be commented on by readers immediately. Take a look and add the diocese to your Facebook wall as one of your groups.

Seamen’s Church Institute — Watch Cap Program



Now that we’ve passed the Fourth of July, it is time to get serious about getting ready for Christmas—which means recruiting more knitters to make the watch caps that the Seamen’s Church Institute includes in the ditty bags it gives to seafarers between Thanks-giving and Christmas as a gesture of good will and love. They now have watch cap knitters at several churches helping in this program.

The watch caps will go in the ditty bags our chaplains and ship visitors deliver to seafarers that dock at 31 Delaware River seaport terminals in Pennsylvania and New Jersey between Thanksgiving and Christmas. So we need many more, and this is a good way to introduce people to our work. Many seafarers who visit Philadelphia each year come from warm climates where cold-weather clothing is not available. Getting a warm cap, handmade by someone in the Philadelphia area, brings smiles to their faces and makes friends for our nation.

Here’s a list of other things you can donate for the ditty bags:

Hats, Scarves, Razors, Shaving Cream, Tooth Brushes, Tooth Paste, Work Socks, Work Gloves, Shampoo, Combs, Pens, Paper, Sewing Kits, Soap.

To learn more please visit our website www.sciphiladelphia.org

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Celebrating Hildegard — at Daylesford Abbey



Hildegard of Bingen's Feast Day will be celebrated by the Daylesford Abbey and the Women's Sacred Music Project on Saturday, September 18, 2010 from 2 to 4 PM with speakers and choirs from both the Episcopal and Roman Catholic traditions. Speakers will include Prior Andrew Ciferni of the Abbey, the Right Reverend Allen Bartlett, Retired Bishop of Pennsylvania, and Lisa Neufeld Thomas, editor of Voices Found, a new hymnal to be featured on the program. For directions to Daylesford Abbey, 220 S. Valley Road, Paoli, PA, see www.daylesford.org

Nominating Committee Seeking Candidates



The Nominating Committee is seeking talented clergy and lay candidates to stand for election at the fall Diocesan Convention. Positions descriptions and terms will be posted shortly for each opening. Please pray for the committee as they begin their search.

Committee co-chairs are The Very Rev. Hentzi Elek (father.hentzi@verizon.net) and Ms. Debora "Debbie" Brown (dbrown@wcafamily.org).

Philadelphia Cathedral's Summer Noontime Organ Concert Series

Philadelphia Cathedral (located on 38th Street between Market and Chestnut Streets in University City) is pleased to announce the fifth season of its Summer Noontime Organ Concert Series. Beginning on Wednesday July 14 at 12:30pm and continuing every Wednesday through August 11, Philadelphia Episcopal Cathedral will host these noontime organ concerts in its beautiful air-conditioned sanctuary.



Supply Clergy







Congregations Seeking Supply Clergy

Parish leadership is responsible for obtaining supply clergy when needed. A list of clergy interested in doing supply work is posted on the diocesan website (<http://www.diopa.org/leadership/transition/supply-clergy/>). A copy of that list can also be obtained by calling Karen Bach in the Transition Ministry Office (215) 627-6434X111) or e-mailing her at karenb@DioPA.org

Clergy Application Process

Clergy within the Diocese of Pennsylvania may apply directly to the Search Committee of any parish in order to be considered for a particular position. *(Please apply only when the congregation is “receiving names”)* Non-diocesan clergy interested in being considered for a particular position are asked to send their resume and CDO profile to the Canon for Transition Ministry, Canon Jill Mathis. Please do not send these materials directly to the congregation if you are from outside the diocese. On-line deployment information and a congregation’s website are available by the highlighted links.

Congregations now in the transition process

	St. Stephen's, Clifton Heights	
	Status:	Beginning Transition, in discernment
	Position:	Priest in charge
	Contact:	<i>(Not yet receiving names)</i>
	Address:	199 W. Baltimore Avenue, Clifton Heights, PA 19018
	Website:	http://www.stsec.org
	Trinity Memorial Church, Philadelphia	
	Status:	Beginning Transition, in discernment
	Position:	RECTOR
	Contact:	<i>(Not yet receiving names)</i>
	Address:	2212 Spruce Street, Phila. PA 19103
	Website:	http://www.trinityphiladelphia.org
	Church of the Incarnation, Morrisville	
	Status:	Receiving names
	Position:	RECTOR
	Contact:	Canon Jill Mathis at jillm@diopa.org
	Address:	1505 Makefield Road, Morrisville , PA 19067-3149
	Website:	http://www.incarnationepiscopal.org/
	Church of Our Saviour, Jenkintown	
	Status:	Receiving names
	Position:	Part time — Priest-in-Charge
	Contact:	Canon Jill Mathis at jillm@diopa.org
	Address:	821 Homestead Road, Jenkintown , PA 19046
	Website:	http://www.churchofoursaviour.net/
	Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr	
	Status:	Receiving names
	Position:	Associate Rector
	Contact:	The Rev. Peter Vanderveen at pvanderveen@theredeemer.org
	Address:	230 Pennswood Road, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010
	Website:	http://www.TheRedeemer.org/
	Grace Church, Hulmeville	
	Status:	Receiving names
	Position:	Priest-in-Charge
	Contact:	Canon Jill Mathis at jillm@diopa.org
	Address:	313 Main Street, Hulmeville, PA 19047
	Website:	http://www.graceepiscopalonline.org/