



DIOCESAN DIGEST

for Central Pennsylvania

August 15, 2011

FROM THE DESK OF... THE REV. TED BABCOCK, CANON TO THE ORDINARY

Dear Sisters & Brothers;

Please welcome The Rev. Dr. David Zwifka as our new Director of Finance and Diocesan Administration. David will serve part time here at your diocesan house and part time as the Rector of Mark's, Lewistown. David plans to be at Diocesan House Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursday afternoons. If you have an urgent problem that can't wait until he is here, he is reachable at St. Mark's.

David comes to us with a wealth of experience, not only in the parish but also as a diocesan staff person. David, who has his doctorate in Canon Law from Catholic University, served as the Vice Chancellor to the Roman Catholic bishop of Buffalo. In that position he oversaw diocesan budgets and advised the bishop on a variety of issues. Beyond David's deep skills and broad experience, what excites the Bishop and myself, is David is anchored in the parish. Like the Bishop and myself, David comes out of parish life and understands the challenges we all face. David has served small parishes and is intimate with their financial struggles as well as the difficulty of trying to get the baptized to focus on the ministry they are called to. I believe David will be a great resource for all of us, and can help all of us successfully implement the diocesan strategy. He is a wonderfully wise priest.

David will oversee diocesan finances working with Jeremy Redding, our part time Financial Administrator. David is also available to help parishes think through how they keep their books and audit them annually. David will also oversee diocesan assets. He will work with Church Insurance to help get parish claims settled equitably. He will review the bi-annual parish "Risk Assessment" to identify areas that are in need of rehabilitation, before they become a real problem, as well as to insure that we are in compliance with Church Insurance "Safe Church" policies.

David will also work with Church Pension to register all new employees who qualify for pension and or medical benefits. He is responsible to see that beneficiaries receive their benefits. He is responsible to insure that the diocese is in compliance with all Federal, State, and Canon law, as well as the particular requirements of our church insurance program. Finally, David will oversee the diocesan staff Human Resources functions for the bishop.

David, welcome! I think I can speak for the diocese when I say we look forward to working with you.

Blessings,

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UPCOMING EVENTS...August-October

- Aug 15-Sept 4** Bishop on vacation
- Aug 26&27** Godly Play Training, St. Andrew's York, (see p. 2)
- Sep 5** Diocesan Office closed for Labor Day
- Sep 10-11** Bishop visits Trinity Pro-Cathedral, Williamsport
- Sep 11** 2pm 9/11 10th Anniversary commemoration service, St. Stephen's Cathedral, Harrisburg
- Sep 13-22** Bishop at House of Bishops, Quito, Ecuador
- Sep 17** 10am-2pm Public meeting regarding Denominational Health Care, Trinity Pro Cathedral, Williamsport
- Sep 22** 10am-2pm Clergy Association Fall Education Day, at Trinity, Williamsport
- Sep 24** 10am-2pm Public meeting regarding Denominational Health Care, St. Paul's, Harrisburg
- Sep 25** Bishop visits St. Andrew's, York
- Sep 27** Installation & Celebration of New Ministry of The Rev. Stephen Swift as Missioner at St. Benedict's, New Freedom
- Sep 28** Commission on Ministry and Standing Committee mtgs
- Sep 29** 10am-3pm Working with the Deacon in the Parish workshop, All Saints, Selinsgrove (details below)
- Sep 29** 10am Council of Trustees meeting
- Oct 2** Bishop visits St. Andrew's, State College
- Oct 2** Bishop visits of St. Francis, University Park
- Oct 13-14** BACOM
- Oct 13-16** School of Healing Prayer Level 2, Trinity Williamsport
- Oct 15** 10-2pm Congregational Development Task Group meets at All Saints to hand out application forms for Congregational Development Grants (see p. 2 for details)
- Oct 16** Bishop visits St. Luke's, Altoona
- Oct 21-22** Clergy Spouses Retreat, Villa Sacred Heart, Danville
- Oct 23** Bishop visits St. Paul's, Lock Haven
- Oct 24** LARC Day of Dialogue
- Oct 25-26** Bishop at HOB Pastoral Development Committee
- Oct 29** Deacons' Day
- Oct 30** Bishop visits St. Stephen's Cathedral, Harrisburg

If you have an event of interest to the Diocese that you would like to have listed on the Diocesan website calendar, please contact the Diocese at officemailbox@diocesecpa.org or 888-236-5959

Working with the Deacon in the Parish: Opening up the Conversation

A workshop sponsored by The School of Christian Studies

Thursday September 29, 2011, 10am – 3pm

All Saints Church, 120 N. Market St., Selinsgrove

For parishes who would like to engage the ministry of a deacon or who currently have a deacon in their midst

Led by: The Ven. Molly Solbak,

The Rev. Cn. Stephen Casey, The Rev. Cn. Kate Harrigan
The cost for the workshop and lunch is \$10 for first person and \$5 for each additional person attending from a parish.

Questions: contact Cn. Kate Harrigan at
888-236-5959 or kharrigan@diocesecpa.org

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

The Rev. Wayne Baxter, Bishop Baxter's brother, is in the hospital being treated for pneumonia and a blood infection.

Rayelenn Casey, wife of Canon Stephen Casey, and COM member, is recovering at home following a car accident.

Father Ron Lynch had surgery at Lewistown Hospital on August 15th.

A memorial service for **Tim France**, the late son of Archdeacon Andy and Dottie France, will be held on Sunday, Sept. 4th at 1:00pm at Trinity, Williamsport.

Mrs. Elvira Byrd Pierce, age 97, Bishop Baxter's aunt, who recently had surgery for a broken leg.

Alice Walker, wife of The Rev. Bill Walker, is recovering from gall bladder surgery

The Rev. Deacon Barbara Hary, continues doctors' care for heart-related issues.

Thomas Kerr, father of The Rev. Lauri Kerr, continues in care for lung cancer.

The Rev. Tom Gregg, father of The Rev. Rowena Gibbons is in the late stages of brain cancer.

Maddie Letsche, Acolyte at St. Luke's, Altoona, who continues treatment and physical therapy for Image Negative Transverse Myelitis.

Bob Rose continues his cancer battle.



Cape May Retreat

"The Ministry of Presence"

Marquis de Lafayette Hotel
501 Beach Avenue, Cape May, NJ

September 16-18, 2011

Led by The Rev. Cn. Kate Harrigan. Program includes: group sessions, Eucharist on the beach, 8am Sunday service at The Church of the Advent.

Program cost \$20 ~ Registration Deadline August 31st

To download a registration form, go to:
www.diocesecpa.org, click on "Our Programs" and "Episcopal Church Women"

Hotel reservations should be made directly with Marquis de Lafayette Hotel 1-800-257-0432, ext. 151, speak to Joan Haber and ask for the ECW group rate.

School of Healing (Level 2)

October 13 - 16, 2011 8:30am – 8:00pm

Trinity Episcopal Pro Cathedral, Williamsport

Registration deadline: September 9, 2011

Fee: \$160 per person for all three days, meals included (Cost for hotel reservation separate. Some lodging may be available in homes of other participants)

Registration form is attached with this Digest

Only those who have completed Level 1 may register for Level 2, as the material covered is sequential in nature.

The School of Healing is a program of Christ the King Spiritual Life Center in Greenwich NY and is directed by The Rev. Nigel Mumford, an Episcopal priest, who was the speaker at the 2010 Diocesan Conference on Prayer & Healing. You can read more about the School of Healing and Fr. Mumford at www.CtKCenter.org.

For more information see flyer attached or contact Lynne Sprinsky at lsprinsky@gmail.com, or call (570) 433-4377.

TIMELINE FOR 2012 CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLICATIONS

Congregational Development Grants are for ministries and programs in your parish life that enable development of mission and ministry. The application timeline is as follows:

- ◆ **Before September 1st** - If your congregation plans to submit an application, please notify Archdeacon Andy France's office by contacting Sherri Hartshaw at trinitychurchpa@comcast.net or call 570-322-0126. Please indicate who the contact person will be for your parish and an email address for future correspondence.
- ◆ **October 15, 10am-2pm** - The Congregational Development Task Group will meet at All Saints, Selinsgrove to distribute applications forms and guide you through the application procedure. At least *two lay representatives* from each applying parish must attend. Clergy are welcome but their attendance is not required.
- ◆ **December 1st - Deadline to submit your completed application.** Send to trinitychurchpa@comcast.net.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Archdeacon France at 570-419-6635 or afrance@diocesecpa.org. A Task Group member can arrange to meet with you if you need help completing the application.

Godly Play Training 2011

Friday, August 26th 4:30-8:30pm

Saturday, August 27th 9:00am-4:00pm

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

1502 4th Avenue, York (717) 843-3868

Fee: \$70.00 per person

(\$55.00 + \$15 for meals)

Payment is due by August 25th

Please make checks payable to

The Episcopal Diocese of Central PA with "Godly Play Training" noted on the memo line

A registration form is attached with this Digest

If you have any questions, please contact Canon Robyn Szoke 888-236-5959 or rszoke@diocesecpa.org