



# DIOCESAN DIGEST

## for Central Pennsylvania

August 29, 2011

### FROM THE DESK OF... The Diocesan House

Bishop Baxter and Canon Babcock are on vacation this week. The Bishop will return on Tuesday, September 6th and Canon Babcock on Monday, September 12th.

Bishop Baxter returned briefly to Harrisburg from his vacation in Maryland to get out of Hurricane Irene's path, only to bear the brunt of the storm here in the end, with the loss of several trees at his house. Thankfully, there was no building damage or injuries. He has returned to Maryland to clean up there and enjoy the last few days of vacation. After having experienced both the earthquake and hurricane while on vacation, pray that they will have a peaceful time (smile!).

Canon Babcock is off to spend a few days with his family and enjoy being "Grandpa". He will be in an area with limited cell phone and email capabilities.

All other Diocesan Staff are available this week. Questions with regard to financial and insurance issues can be directed to The Rev. David Zwifka. If you need to get a message to either Bishop Baxter or Canon Babcock, please contact Carolyn Patterson who will be able to pass it along.

Please note, due to road closures in Harrisburg for the Labor Day weekend Kipona Festival, the Diocesan House will be closed on Friday, September 2nd. We will reopen on Tuesday, September 6th.

Just a further note for when we start getting back to the busy-ness of meetings etc in September: the Diocesan House parking lot has very limited space at this time. We have developed a sinkhole and so can only use half of the usual parking space until it can be repaired. In the meantime, please bear with us and be prepared in case you need to park off-site if you have a meeting here in September. We suggest that, if you do have a meeting scheduled in the next few weeks, call ahead to check on the status. As soon as we know when the work will be completed, we will let you know.

Enjoy these lingering warm days of summer and the approaching fall. Our prayers are with you as your children head back to school and your parishes move once again into the "full swing" of your ministry programs.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS...

#### September – October

- Sep 2&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, Selingsgrove (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](mailto: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., Selingsgrove

*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](mailto:kharrigan@diocesecpa.org)

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

The Rev. Edward Kryder passed away at the age of 91 on Saturday, August 27th. Father Kryder was canonically resident in the Diocese of Western New York, but spent many years teaching at Virginia Theological Seminary and retired to Lancaster, where he attended St. James, Lancaster. His funeral will be held at St. James (119 N. Duke St.) on Thursday, Sept. 15th at 2pm. Please pray for his wife of 68 years, Sally, and their family in the days ahead. His obituary can be found at [www.thegroffs.com/blog](http://www.thegroffs.com/blog).

**Ms. Carol Anne Oldberg**, sister of Susan Hinton, who is undergoing treatment for lung cancer.

**The Rev. Tom & Dr. DeeAnn Reeder**, who are on sabbatical in south Sudan until October. To follow his blog, go to: [www.southsudansabbatical.blogspot.com](http://www.southsudansabbatical.blogspot.com).

**The Rev. Wayne Baxter**, Bishop Baxter's brother, is still in the hospital but is slowly improving.

**Rayelenn Casey** continues to recover at home following a car accident. She thanks everyone for their thoughts, prayers and messages, which have been a source of comfort and strength for her.

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 is recovering from a broken leg.

**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 continues in care for 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.

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More details and schedule of courses also available.

For more information, contact The Rev. Hillary Raining  
610-867-4741 ext. 3030 or [hillary@trinitybeth.org](mailto:hillary@trinitybeth.org).

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:trinitychurchpa@comcast.net).

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

## 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)

Registration form is available on our website

Only those who have completed Level 1 may register  
*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, You can read more about the School of Healing and Fr. Mumford at [www.CtKCenter.org](http://www.CtKCenter.org).*

For more information contact Lynne Sprinsky at  
[lsprinsky@gmail.com](mailto:lsprinsky@gmail.com), or call (570) 433-4377.

## ATTENTION ALL CLERGY! PA STATE PASTORS' CONFERENCE

The Pennsylvania Council of Churches is now accepting registrations for the State Pastors' Conference, **November 14–16** at the Holiday Inn Harrisburg East.

This year's conference will explore "Practical and Practiced Awe: Reclaiming the Joy and Wonder of Our Call." The cost is \$150.

Visit [www.pachurches.org](http://www.pachurches.org) for more details, including a registration brochure you can download and links to a site where you can register for the conference and reserve a room at the Holiday Inn Harrisburg East.