

2015 Annual Report Programs, Events & Communications

Diocesan Programs and Events for 2015:

- Jan. 25 – LARC Vespers at St. Paul’s, Annville – Provisional Bishop Robert Gepert main preacher
- Feb. 7 – THRIVE (Eliminating Racism) at St. Edward’s, Lancaster (80 participants)
- Feb. 22-24 – Silent Retreat with Provisional Bishop Robert Gepert – Claggett Center, MD – (50 participants)
- Mar. 7- Godly Play Training – St. Andrew’s, Shippensburg
- Mar. 14 – Electing Convention, St. Stephen’s Cathedral , Harrisburg (300 clergy and lay delegates)
- Mar. 31 – Renewal of Clergy Vows, St. Stephen’s Cathedral, Harrisburg (80 participants)
- May 2– Leadership Day – THRIVE- St. Thomas, Lancaster (50 participants)
- May 21- Addiction Seminar for Clergy – St. Andrew’s, State College (80 participants)
- June 13- Stewardship THRIVE – Ramada Inn, State College (50 participants)
- June 22 – Bishop’s Open- State College (40 participants) Benefited Feed My Sheep Ministry
- Aug. 29 – Special Needs THRIVE, St. John’s Marietta (40 participants)
- Sept. 11 – 13 Consecration of The Rt. Rev. Audrey Scanlan, Forum Bldg., Harrisburg
- Sept. 16 – Lancaster Convocation Meeting – St. Edwards, Lancaster
- Sept. 18-20 – Deacon’s Retreat, Kenbrook Retreat Center, Jonestown (20 participants)
- Sept. 22- Harrisburg & Southern Convocation Meeting – St. Andrew’s, Shippensburg
- Sept. 29 - Altoona and Susquehanna Convocation Meeting, St. Andrew’s, Lewisburg
- Oct. 3 - Northern Tier & West Branch Convocation Meeting, Trinity Pro Cathedral, Williamsport
- Oct. 16 & 17 – Diocesan Convention- Blair County Convention Center and St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, Altoona (300 participants)
- Nov. 16-18 – Clergy Conference, Eden Resort & St. Thomas, Lancaster (95 participants)

Diocesan Communications for 2015:

- Diocesan Digest and Bishop's Message
 - The Diocesan Digest, Bishop's Message and Clergy Digest continue to be delivered monthly electronically through an online bulk mail distribution service - Vertical Response.
 - Special messages are also periodically sent to the diocese and select groups such as parish treasurers, vestry secretaries, wardens and parish administrators.

- The Stevenson School for Ministry
 - Ms. Sarah Rathbun continued this past year to assist The Very Rev. Robyn Szoke Coolidge in The Stevenson School for Ministry. Sarah developed online discussion areas for use by the students and instructors thru Moodle, a learning platform designed to provide educators, administrators and learners with a secure and integrated system to create personalized learning environments.

- Diocesan Website
 - Ms. Lesley Carter continues as the contracted part-time webmaster for the Diocese, updating news stories, diocesan information and continuous monitoring of the diocesan website. Ms. Carter is also responsible for the uploading of instructor videos for the SSFM.

- Streaming of Services continues with the contracted services of Mr. John Xanthroplous
 - Live streaming of the Diocesan Annual Convention
 - Live streaming of the Electing Convention and Consecration activities
 - St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Lewistown – Christmas & Easter Services

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