



DIOCESAN DIGEST

for Central Pennsylvania

June 28, 2010

FROM THE DESK OF.....

BISHOP NATHAN BAXTER

Dear Friends in Christ;

It is my pleasure to announce two appointments on my diocesan staff.

The Rev. Dr. Theodore Babcock will become Canon to the Ordinary beginning September 7th. Dr. Babcock is currently rector of St. Andrew's Church, Shippensburg. Previously he served Christ Church Greenwich, CT. and St. David's Church, Bronx, NY. Before his ordination he worked in several corporations, including Managing Director and CEO of Babcock Blance and & Company. Ted holds a B.A. (with distinction), University of Michigan; M.A. in History, University of Virginia; M.B.A., Harvard University; M.Div., The General Theological Seminary; and Th.D. Graduate Theological Foundation. He and his wife, Lyn, will continue to live in Shippensburg.

The Rev. Robyn Szoke will begin her ministry as Canon for Children and Youth Ministry on September 7th. Mother Szoke is currently Sr. Associate at St. John's Church, Carlisle and will continue part-time in that ministry, as her diocesan appointment is half-time. This has been a creative collaboration between St. John's and the Diocese. Previously she has served as the Episcopal Church National Officer for Children and Christian Education, NYC; Faculty, Moravian Theological Seminary, Bethlehem, PA; Assistant to the Bishop for Christian Education, Diocese of Pennsylvania; and Associate Rector, Trinity Pottsville and St. Stephen's Church, Wilkes Barre, Pa. She holds a B.S. in Health and Physical Education, West Chester University; M.Ed. Lehigh University; M.Div. Moravian Theological Seminary; S.T.M. in Liturgics from The General Seminary, NYC. She will continue to live in the Carlisle area.

A liturgy of institution is being planned for the early Fall at St. Stephen's Cathedral, Harrisburg. I know that you will join me in welcoming these two outstanding priests to the ministry leadership team of our diocese.

Peace & Grace,

+Nathan

UPCOMING EVENTS...July-Sept.

Jun 28-Jul 2 Bishop at Union of Black Episcopalians Annual meeting, Charleston, SC

Jul 5 Diocesan Office closed for July 4th holiday

Jul 7 Bishop to attend Province III Bishop's meeting re: Title 3 in Martinsburg, WV

Jul 15 Bishop to attend groundbreaking of new community wing at Episcopal Home, Shippensburg

Jul 18 Bishop visits St. Benedict's, New Freedom

Jul 22 2pm Finance Committee meeting

Jul 22 Bishop visits All Saints, Selinsgrove

Jul 25 Bishop visits St. Luke's, Mount Joy

Jul 28 COM meeting (location to be confirmed)

Jul 29 10am-3pm School of Christian Studies Board Retreat, St. Andrew's in the Valley, Harrisburg

Aug 2-6 BASIC children's camp at Camp Mt. Luther

Aug 18-25 Bishop to attend Diocesan Convention in Sao Paulo, Brazil

Sep 5 Bishop visits Trinity, Jersey Shore

Sep 6 Diocesan Office Closed for Labor Day

Sep 12 Bishop visits Trinity, Williamsport

Sep 14-23 Bishop at House of Bishops, Arizona

Sep 25 10am-2pm Deacons' Day, Harrisburg

Sep 26 Bishop visits Holy Trinity, Shamokin & St. Stephen's, Mt. Carmel

Sep 30 COM meeting (location to be confirmed)

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

BISHOP'S OPEN RESULTS

Thanks to St. Paul's Wellsboro for their work in organizing the Bishop's Open Golf Tournament on June 14th at Tyoga Country Club in Wellsboro.

Congratulations to the Bishop's Cup winners: Otto Orszagh (Christ Church/All Saints), Otto's son-in-law Steve DiPasquale, Mark Wivell (Prince of Peace, Gettysburg) and John Stevenson (Prince of Peace, Gettysburg).

The score was tied at 65 but winners won the tie breaker due to lowest score on the back side. By agreement, the Cup went to Prince of Peace, Gettysburg, who will host next year's Open at The Links at Gettysburg (www.thelinksatgettysburg.com) on June 13, 2011.

A big thank you to all who participated in the Open. The big winner of the event was the Bishop's Discretionary Fund. \$1,194 was raised to support needs around the diocese through this fund. Thank you!

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REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Mr. Courtland Dunn husband of the late Deacon Ginny Dunn, who passed away on Thursday, June 24th. Please hold the Dunn family in your prayers as they go through the difficult days ahead.

Northern Tier Mission Group ~ A group of six people from St. James, Mansfield and Christ Church, Coudersport will be heading to the parish of Registro, Brazil for a mission trip July 6-22.

Alice McNutt, as she continues treatment for colitis and a non cancerous tumor in the pancreas.

Maddie Letsche, Acolyte at St. Luke's, Altoona, as she undergoes treatment for both thyroid cancer and Image Negative Transverse Myelitis.

Deacon Kerry Walters, who continues treatment for heart problems.

The Rev. Erica Wood, (Retired) Rector of St. Luke's, Mt. Joy, as she continues her chemotherapy.

Bob Rose, who continues his cancer battle.

SUPPLY CLERGY

Remember, you can find a full list of those clergy in our diocese who are available for supply work on the diocesan website, as follows:

Go to: www.diocesecpa.org
Click on: "People and Positions"
And then: "Clergy Deployment"
about half way down that page,
Click on: "Supply Clergy List"

This list provides the name and contact information, as well as the compensation rates, for supply clergy in our diocese.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY IN CAMP HILL

Mount Calvary Episcopal Church, Camp Hill, is seeking a Director of Christian Education. This position will commence August 1, 2010. This is a part time position, for 15-20 hours per week.

A copy of the full position description is attached with this Digest.

Please send resume and cover letter to: Mount Calvary Episcopal Church 125 N. 25th St., Camp Hill, PA 17011 Attn: The Rev. David Bateman www.mtcp.org.

Diocesan Vision Statement

Thanks to all for your very kind comments about the Diocesan Strategic Vision presentation from the 2010 Convention. Much appreciation is due to Father Pat Collins, Mother Christine Purcell, Canon Kate Harrigan and David Poch.

We reviewed the results of the table-top exercise and made note of the many comments that may well reflect upon the Action Plan part of the Vision document. All comments will be shared with the respective section leaders within the next few days.

You will be constantly updated on progress as we move the Diocesan Strategic Vision statement forward. Please feel free to contact me at the Diocese should you have any questions or input.

Bill Graffius

SACRED STITCHES

Sacred Stitches will hold its summer gathering at St. Stephen's Cathedral, Harrisburg, in the Parlors, on Saturday, July 10th from 10am to 2:00pm.

Please bring a bagged lunch and your needlework. Coffee, tea and lemonade will be provided.

Everyone is welcome. Please contact Anne Yellott at ajyellott@paonline.com for more information.



Haiti Mission Trip Planned by Presbytery of Carlisle

As part of Central PA's ecumenical response to the rebuilding of Haiti, the Diocesan Disaster Response Commission has asked us to let you know that several vacancies still exist for a mission trip organized by the Carlisle Presbytery to Faugasse, near Les Cayes, Haiti, for the week of July 20-28, 2010. The cost is \$1,000, which covers airfare to Haiti, airfare within Haiti, lodging, meals, and miscellaneous expenses. Accommodations will be in a Catholic monastery. Remember, a valid US Passport is required.

The group will be painting, repairing the only well in the village, and completing the construction of the medical clinic.

If you are interested, please contact Rev. Taylor Camerer, Greencastle PC, at 717-597-8333.

If you have news or announcements of diocesan interest to include in the Diocesan Digest, please contact Carolyn Joy Patterson at cpatterson@diocesecpa.org