



DIOCESAN DIGEST

for Central Pennsylvania

August 16, 2010

FROM THE DESK OF.....

BISHOP NATHAN BAXTER

Dear Sisters & Brothers in Christ;

This week, my wife Mary Ellen and I are traveling to Sao Paulo to attend their Annual Convention and to sign the Portuguese version of the Renewal of the Companionship Covenant.

We will arrive in Sao Paulo on Thursday morning, after traveling all night. I will be attending the Convention on Friday and Saturday, and on Sunday I have been invited to preach at the English service at St. Paul's Cathedral in Sao Paulo.

We will begin our return journey to Harrisburg on Tuesday the 24th, arriving home on Thursday the 25th. After that time I will be taking a few days of vacation before returning to a busy Fall schedule, starting with a visitation to Trinity, Jersey Shore on Sunday, September 5th.

I did want to give everyone an update on the Diocesan Vision Plan implementation before the end of the summer. Now that the summer season is winding down and our thoughts begin to focus on Fall, many of us have completed our vacations or are about to do so. That has allowed me to get together with Bill Graffius (my "charge person" for progress on the Diocesan Vision Plan) to discuss the Vision. I was very pleased to note progress has been made in some areas, while others have been delayed for vacation and mission obligations. Bill has made entreaties to those who have agreed to "head-up" the various vision statement components and is awaiting replies to schedule progress updates. Bill's role in implementing our Vision is as a facilitator with the responsibility for process not program. In that regard, please be sure to direct any communications with the Diocesan Office regarding the Vision Plan to Bill.

Please pray for Mrs. Baxter and me as we travel to Sao Paulo to affirm our companion relationship. Also, join me in prayers for our Brothers and Sisters in Sao Paulo during the days of their Convention, and the year ahead.

And continue to prayer for our own beloved Diocese as we move forward in our mission and ministry.

Peace and Grace,

+Nathan

UPCOMING EVENTS...Aug.-Dec.

- Aug 18-25** Bishop to attend Sao Paulo Diocesan Convention
- Aug 24** 5:30pm HIV/AIDS Comm. Mtg. Nativity, Newport
- Aug 26-Sep 3** Bishop on vacation
- 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 with the Bishop, Harrisburg
- Sep 26** Bishop visits Holy Trinity, Shamokin & St. Stephen's, Mt. Carmel
- Sept 29** Exec. Comm. of Council of Trustees
- Sep 30** COM + Standing Comm. Meetings for Ordinands (location to be confirmed)
- Oct 3** morning ~ Bishop visits St. Andrew's, State College
- Oct 3** evening ~ Bishop visits St. Francis, University Park
- Oct 7** 10-1 SCS Board meeting at Diocese
- Oct 7** 2pm Finance Committee meeting at Diocese
- Oct 10** Bishop visits St. Matthew's, Sunbury
- Oct 14** BACOM (location tbd)
- Oct 16** 9am-3pm Prayer & Healing Conf, St. Stephen's Cathedral (details p. 2, flyer attached)
- Oct 17** Bishop visits St. Luke's, Altoona
- Oct 23** Bishop to participate in Washington National Cathedral Prayer Center anniversary services
- Oct 24** Bishop visits Christ Memorial, Danville
- Oct 25** LARC Conference (details to follow)
- Oct 28** Council of Trustees meeting/retreat, Nativity, Newport
- Oct 31** Bishop visits St. Stephen's Cathedral, Harrisburg
- Oct 31** 4pm Ordination of Deacons, St. Stephen's Cathedral
- Nov 3** Southern Convocation Fall Meeting
- Nov 5-6** Bishop at Dioc. of NW PA Centennial
- Nov 7** Bishop visits St. John the Baptist, York
- Nov 7** 4pm Concert for Haiti, St. Stephen's Cathedral, Hbg.
- Nov 9** Lancaster Convocation Fall meeting
- Nov 10** Harrisburg Convocation Fall meeting
- Nov 11-14** Bishop preaching at Diocese of No. CA Centennial
- Nov 16** Altoona Convocation Fall meeting
- Nov 18** Susquehanna Convocation Fall meeting
- Nov 20** Bishop at Good Shepherd, Hawk Run Centennial
- Nov 21** Bishop visits Christ Church, Williamsport
- Nov 21** afternoon West Branch Convocation Fall meeting
- Nov 25-26** Diocesan Office closed for Thanksgiving
- Nov 28** Bishop visits St. Andrew's, York
- Nov 30** Northern Tier Convocation Fall meeting
- Dec 4** Concert #2 for Haiti (location to be confirmed)
- Dec 9** 10am Executive Comm. Of Council of Trustees
- Dec 5** Bishop visits Prince of Peace, Gettysburg
- Dec 12** Bishop visits Nativity, Newport
- Dec 19** Bishop visits St. Paul's, 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 Deacon Pat Strohl at pstrohl@diocesecpa.org or 888-236-5959

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REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Alice McNutt continues treatment for colitis and a non-cancerous tumor in her 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 chemotherapy.

Bob Rose, who continues his cancer battle.

Parish Health Commission Presents

Prayer and Healing Conference

With Special Speaker

The Rev. Nigel Mumford, Director of Christ the King Spiritual Life Center

For Pastoral Care-givers, Nurses, Doctors, Clergy

October 16, 2010 9:00am - 3:00pm

St. Stephen's Cathedral
221 N. Front St., Harrisburg

Workshops include:

Parish Health, Parish Nursing, Pastoral Caregiving, Lay Eucharistic Visitors and Healing, Developing Healing in the Congregation, Wellness

Fee: \$20.00 per person (includes lunch)

Send check payable to The Diocese of Central PA
With "Prayer & Healing Conference" in memo line to:

Diocese of Central PA, Attn: Linda Arguedas
PO Box 11937, Harrisburg, PA 17108

Suggested reading to prepare for conference:

The Forgotten Touch

Heartfelt Prayers for Healing 31 Day Devotional

The Practice of Soaking Prayer

(all by Father Mumford)

A flyer is attached with this Digest

If you have questions, please contact

The Rev. Robyn Szoke 717-243-4220

GODLY PLAY TRAINING

Thursday, August 26 5:30 - 9:00pm

Friday, August 27 8:30am - 5:00pm

Saturday August 28 8:30am - 4:00pm

St. John's Episcopal Church

1 North Hanover St., Carlisle

Godly Play core training ~ Certificates awarded

Registration Fee: \$360

Scholarships up to \$150 are available

No refunds for cancellations after August 15th

For more information, contact The Rev. Robyn Szoke

rszoke@stjohnscarlisle.org or 717-243-4220

Information for area hotels & restaurants available

Brochure and information letter available at

www.diocesecpa.org



"SPEAK THE TRUTH"

ECW 15TH ANNUAL

FALL WEEKEND RETREAT

Cape May ~ September 24-26, 2010

Led by The Rev. Jane Miron

Gather for a time of God's truth as we seek, search and explore the truths in our own lives.

Deadline to Register is August 31, 2010

Conference Registration Form attached with Digest and available at www.diocesecpa.org

Send form and check payable to

Diocese of Central PA ECW to

543 Mockingbird Dr., Columbia PA 17512

For more information contact Beth Runkle at

brunkle@state.pa.us

Lodging: Marquis de Lafayette Hotel

Deadline to receive group rate is August 27, 2010

Call 800-257-0432, ext. 101 (ask for ECW rate)

Support our Diocesan Mission Congregation ~ With a Chance to Win!

St. Benedict's, the Diocese's mission congregation in Southern York County, is holding a special **Beach House Raffle** to help to raise funds for the church.

There will be two drawings:

1 week at a 6 Bedroom House in Bethany Beach, DE

1 week at a 1 Bedroom Condo in N. Ocean City, MD

Winners choose one week between October & March

The first ticket drawn will choose the House or Condo.

The second ticket drawn will be offered the other one.

Tickets are on sale now

1 ticket ~ \$5, 3 tickets ~ \$10, 7 tickets ~ \$20

The drawing will be held on Sunday, September 26.

You do not have to be present to win.

For details & to purchase tickets contact:

Sr. Warden, Charlie Bowen at cbjeannie@yahoo.com

HELP TO IDENTIFY EPISCOPALIAN STUDENTS

Canon Daniel Selvage, Episcopal Chaplain at Penn State, reminds us that the university does not provide campus ministry groups with the names of incoming or returning students ... even when students have self-identified as members of a particular faith group. Accordingly, he is asking that you contact him with the name(s) of any students from your parish that will be attending the main campus of PennState this fall.

Additional information including the student's email address, phone number, home and/or campus address, etc., would be greatly appreciated.

Cn. Selvage may be reached by email at: dls87@psu.edu or by phone at: (814) 867-3397.