



The Sword

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First Annual Renewal of Ordination Vows

It has been a long-standing tradition in many Christian churches that the clergy gather with their bishop during Holy Week and renew the vows and promises they made to God when they were ordained.

Most often, this occurs on Maundy Thursday, but the diocese chose to hold this sacred time on Tuesday of Holy Week because of the great distances many clergy have to travel.

It was a delightful and Spirit-empowering day! Since the Anglican Diocese of the South is a new creation within the past year, this was the first time to do this. For many of our presbyters and deacons, it was the first time, or first time in a long time, since the recent Anglican dispersia.

Bishop David Anderson preached, encouraging the clergy to walk in faith and obedience, apply their faith in practical ways, serve under the Godly authority and moment-by-moment leadership of



Jesus, and go deeper with Jesus by continually talking to Him. The Rev. Russell Buchard led a seminar on understanding the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and the Rev. Canon Phil Ashley led a seminar on clergy self-care. Both were well attended.

The people of Holy Cross served lunch and provided warm hospitality to all who came. Bishop Beach commented on the day, "It was so nice to be together, worship together, recommit together, break bread together, be taught together, and fellowship together. We really do need each other and to be with each other. I hope this annual event will be something which our clergy really look forward to each year."



A Call to Serve the Lord and Shepherd His Sheep

By The Rev. Canon Steven Saul

Ordinations for the Anglican Diocese of the South will take place at Holy Cross Anglican Church in Loganville, Georgia on Saturday, June 4th.

A worship service and Eucharist will begin at 11 a.m. with a reception immediately following to honor those who will be newly ordained. Everyone is welcome to come to this important celebration! All clergy are encouraged to attend the ordination and are welcome to vest and process into worship wearing an alb and red stole or cassock and surplis with red stole.

This will be a joyous occasion as friends, families, and members of diocesan churches gather to

support the building of the church through new shepherds for our young diocese. Please join the Bishop and clergy as we pray for the candidates to be ordained on June 4.

“It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up, until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.” (Ephesians 4:11-13 NIV)

Let us gather at Holy Cross on June 4th to pray over those who will shepherd.

AAC Offers Clergy Leadership Training Institute

By Robert Lundy, American Anglican Council

According to an American Anglican Council survey, there is a need among Anglican clergy for mentoring and peer support.

To meet this need, the AAC developed the Clergy Leadership Training Institute (CLTI). This is a three-year program where participants meet for one week each year for teaching and fellowship. At the inaugural CLTI seminar in February, 2011, participants from around the Anglican Church in North America formed small groups for peer support which will continue to meet in between the annual gatherings and afterward. These small groups are a key element of CLTI and provide accountability, consultation, and peer support.

The first year CLTI retreat focused on the personal life of the leader, and will be followed by the ministry life of the leader in year two, and leading a growing congregation in year three. Dr. Leighton Ford,



president of Leighton Ford Ministries, and Dr. Jim Osterhaus of The Armstrong Group along with Canon Phil Ashley of the American Anglican Council were the leaders for this year’s retreat. At each meeting, participants have the opportunity to meet with one of the CLTI leaders for individual consultation and prayer.

The AAC held the February session at the Billy Graham Training Center at the Cove, Asheville, N.C. If you’re interested in taking part in or donating to CLTI, find out more at www.AmericanAnglican.org/CLTI.

Around the Diocese



Christ the King Church, Winchester, TN and their rector The Rev. Bill Midgett and his wife Shawna welcomed Bishop Foley and his wife Allison on March 27th. (above)

All Saints Anglican Church, Peachtree City, GA began Holy Week celebrating the triumphal arrival of Jesus Christ on a donkey into Jerusalem. The Palm Sunday service featured an outdoor processional that included a donkey, the Liturgy of the palms, "Roman soldiers" and the chanting songs of praise. (below)



Visitors at **Christ Church, Marietta, GA** welcomed Bishop Foley during his annual visit on Feb 13th. (above)



The ACW, Anglican Church Women, of **Holy Cross Anglican Church, Loganville, GA** ministered to teen boys and girls of DCFS, Dept. of Children & Family Services, by making 86 Easter baskets full of goodies and Bible verses this Easter. (above)



St. Patrick's Anglican Church in Smyrna, TN hosted Bishop Foley for his annual visit on April 10th when he confirmed these parishioners. Their church motto is "An Ancient Faith for Modern Times." (above)



Bishop Foley visited **Trinity Church in Douglasville, GA** on May 1st for an Easter season worship celebration where nine were confirmed, and Ty Bragg was installed as the Minister of Music. (above)



Marianne Freeling and Father Ed of **New Life In Christ Anglican Church in Newnan, GA** hosted Bishop Foley for his annual visit February 27th. (above)



Members of the **Burmese Congregation at St. Patrick's Anglican Church in Smyrna, TN** with Bishop Foley. (above)

The Anglican Diocese of the South is part of the ACNA, Anglican Church in North America. Headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, we are comprised of Anglican parishes and missions in Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

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Mission Statement

The Anglican Diocese of the South exists to equip clergy and congregations to fulfill the Great Commandment (Mark 12:29-31) and the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20) by leading people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ through personal discipleship, evangelism, and the nurturing and planting of congregations.

Mark Your Calendars

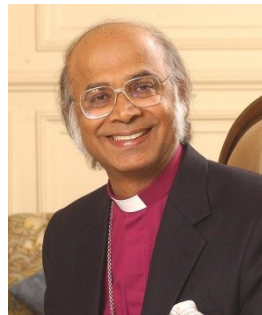
- May 18** Hold Fast events
- June 4** Diocesan Ordination Service
- June 20-25** Middle & High School Beach Trip
- July 18-23** Middle School Summer Camp
- July 25-30** High School Mission Trip
- Aug. 12-13** Women of Faith Conference

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Hold Fast: An Urgent Call to the Western Church



Dr. Michael Nazir-Ali addresses the triple threat to Christianity: Islamic Extremism, Secularism, and Multi-culturalism

Wednesday, May 18
7:00-9:00 pm — Free Admission
Christ Church Atlanta, Presbyterian
81 Peachtree Park Dr. NE
Atlanta, GA 30309

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Christ Anglican Fellowship, Birmingham
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