



THE SERVANT



*Mary Glasspool with Thomas Mark Liotta
prior to her ordination to the episcopate*

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Here and there with the Brothers

COMMUNITY NOTES

Editor's note: This issue is devoted to the very busy spring many of our brothers have had!

Province 1

Ciarán Anthony DellaFera has completed his second year of medical school and has taken the 'block-finals' that mark that transition, and taking part in the accompanying "White Coat Ceremony" which William David Everett was able to attend. In this ceremony, members of the class take an oath composed for the occasion, in which the care of patients is paramount.

In March he returned to La Romana in the Dominican Republic where he co-lead a team of 35 students and ten physician and nurse practitioner preceptors. Last year he was part of the team that served the same village of Haitian refugees and immigrant workers in these sugar cane communities situated outside of La Romana, providing medical relief and working at Hospital General El Buen Samaritano in a program designed to provide both help to the hospital and multi-cultural training to the medical students.

Ciarán Anthony discovered the hospital's CT scanner was poorly supported with infrastructure, meaning that scans could only be viewed on the machine itself, severely limiting its availability. The UMass Medical School reports that Ciarán Anthony, "an IBM Distinguished Engineer, a member of the IBM Academy of Technology and IBM's Chief Technology Officer for Health Care & Industry Software Standards, ...had also moonlighted as an emergency room technician at Mt Auburn Hospital in Cambridge, where he learned the nuances of medical imaging and medical records systems. Combining his direct technological skills and his hospital experience—and leveraging the generosity of corporate contacts from his engineering days—DellaFera quickly identified the problems plaguing Good Samaritan's radiology program and designed, created and implemented an efficient information system that will allow the hospital to centralize and archive not only CT scans but also images from its X-ray, mammography and ultrasound services. The project cost less than \$5,000 and was completed within six weeks." This work garnered Ciarán Anthony the 2010 Information Technology Award from the Massachusetts Medical Society. Starting July 1, he will spend the next two years as a medical clerk in various in-patient and out-patient care team roles. While these exercises are exhausting, he still finds time to pray and give thanks to God for such life-changing opportunities.

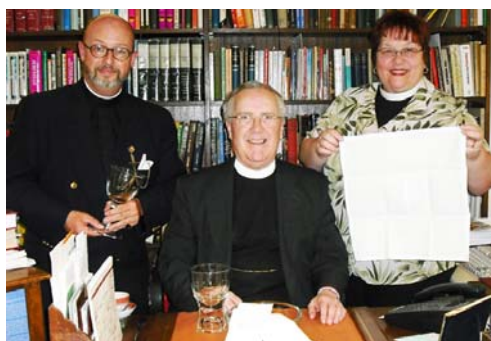




In March Tobias Stanislas Haller offered two meditations at Saint John’s Cathedral in Providence for the Rhode Island Clergy Association, and preached and celebrated the Holy Eucharist for the cathedral’s weekday observance of Saint Gregory the Great. James Teets also attended the retreat for the clergy association and the two Gregorian Friars were the house guests of Enoch John Valentine. During their visit Enoch John Valentine arranged a dinner with Virgilio Fortuna, Minister Provincial, who drove down from Massachusetts for the relaxing evening event.

Following a luncheon visit with Bishop John Zawo of Rhode Island’s Companion Diocese of Ezo in Southern Sudan, Enoch John and Deacon Barbara Mays-Stock

mapped out a plan to supply the diocese with much-needed eucharistic items. Bishop John revealed few parishes have communion sets; the Cathedral itself has only one purificator and corporal received as a gift twelve years ago. The project includes the production of altar linens by volunteers who will sew and embroider them, seeking donated communion sets; churches with unused memorial sets are willing to send them on a new mission.



Enoch John, Dean Harry Krauss, and Deacon Barbara announce their Ezo Project.

Light-weight backpacks will also be constructed to carry these sets, as the clergy travel from village to village by foot or bicycle. The children of the Sunday School raise money for supplies and the shipping.

Province 2

Stephen Storen offers an update on his progress in the diaconal ordination process: he has received the positive endorsement of his parish vestry – Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Manhattan – and of their rector, the Rev Andrew Blume. “The diocesan part of the process is about to begin.” He has also been elected to the board of the British Schools and Universities Foundation, which since its founding has served as a means for

United States residents to support educational, literary and scientific institutions in the British Commonwealth.

Tuesday in Holy Week occasioned the Liturgy of Collegiality at the Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine, Manhattan, and that service calls forth as many priests from around the Diocese of New York as can get there. This year James Teets was asked by Canon John Osgood to participate as epistoller – a role he had never before taken in this hallowed place – and he was delighted to do so. Literally hundreds of clergy attended, and James tells us that the fellowship and the luncheon following the service was worth the trip by itself, even though it was during Lent!

Province 4

The brothers gathered in Chattanooga at the House of All Souls, along with friends and guests, for the annual Spring Retreat. The hospitality offered set the theme of prayer, retreat and breaking bread together. On Saturday the group stepped back into Lent to discuss our Lenten reading of *Children of Men* by P.D. James. This book moved readers from despair to Easter hope and the brothers highly recommend reading the novel. Minister Provincial Ælred Bernard Dean reports,

We also experienced a Chattanooga tradition by going to Bea's to have a good old-fashioned Southern meal filled with good conversation and laughter. That evening we went to see the play, *Enchanted April*, which was directed by Ron Fender. Sunday we went to Saint Paul's Church for worship and to get reacquainted with



Retreat at the House of All Souls

friends of the community. Afterwards we had a tour of the Community Kitchen and the next extension of its Day Center.



Francis Jonathan and Bo Armstrong

Ron reports that members of the Sewanee student body helped with setting up and furnishing the chapel at the House of All Souls.

Another of the Gregorian Friars in the health care ministry, Thomas Lawrence Greer, who serves in Nashville, has accepted the position of Interim Night Assistant Nurse Manager for the Cardiac Short Stay and Cardiac Surgical Step-down Progressive Care

Units, a position which will become permanent as of June 1st. With a sense of relief at the end of a long process, Thomas Lawrence tells us: "I am thankful for this opportunity... It will make my coursework for my Master's in Health Administration more meaningful."

Thomas Lawrence also mentions that "Nashville has suffered a huge amount of damage due to the recent floods. It will take a long time before things are back to normal. I will be engaged in a number of volunteer opportunities to help in the recovery phase."

It is with great joy that we announce the ordination of Mark Andrew Jones to the transitional diaconate at the hands of Bishop Leopold Frade of the Diocese of Southeast Florida, taking place at Miami's Trinity Cathedral on Saturday, June 5th, at 11:00 am. This is really a multi-pleasure for our order, as Bishop Frade and his wife, Diana, are both long-time Associates. Mark Andrew's ordination comes at the completion of his seminary studies at the School of Theology of the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee and we look forward to his ordination to the priesthood in December.

Ælred Bernard and the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany in Atlanta hosted the first gathering of religious in the Diocese of Atlanta. Representatives from the Society of Saint Anna the Prophet, Order of Saint Anthony the Great, Sisters of Saint Gregory and the Brotherhood of Saint Gregory were in attendance. There were also others who were in attendance that were discerning a vocation to the



The chapel at House of All Souls

religious life. They discussed what it means to be a religious in one's local parish, the diocese and the church and the opportunity and challenges it brings, and concluded the day with choral Evensong and the Holy Eucharist

Province 5

On Saturday, March 6, Province 5 held their Lenten Gathering at Seabury-Western Theological Seminary located in the Evanston, Illinois suburb of Chicago. Ronald Augustine Fox organized this retreat through his office as Assistant to the Dean, and Minister Provincial Nathanael Deward Rahm and several of the members of that province as well as Associates of the Brotherhood were on hand for prayer and fellowship.

Brothers of the province led a seminar at the 2010 Leadership and Ministry Fair for the Diocese of Chicago at the Lutheran School of Theology in April. The ministry fair opened with Morning Prayer adapted from "Daily Prayer for All Seasons," which is currently being developed as a resource for personal and corporate prayer throughout the day. Participants then viewed a video, "Traces of the Trade," a film by Episcopalian Katrina Browne about a journey she and nine of her cousins made into the dark past of the slave trade which enriched their white New England family. Sundance's Geoffrey Gilmore said "it makes a potent statement about privilege and responsibility." Several learning sessions were offered through the day, with the Province 5 brothers presenting



Joseph Basil, RN, coordinates Health Outreach with other professionals at Atonement, Chicago, taking a parishioner's blood pressure at a regular health outreach Sunday

"Your call as a lay person" to about 25 people. As noted recently by Chicago Bishop Jeff Lee, "For the Episcopal Church, the Book of Common Prayer 1979 represents a sea change from just a few generations ago in the way we understand the ministry of representing Christ and the church. Ministry is rooted not in ordination but in Holy Baptism. The Holy Spirit lavishes gifts for ministry on all who have been baptized into the death and resurrection of Christ. The ordained are leaders and servants of the whole assembly

of the baptized, equipping and energizing their ministries in and for the world." Brothers participating included Nathanael Deward, Joseph Basil Gauss, Will Harpest and Ronald Augustine.

The Schola Cantorum of Saint Peter the Apostle, Chicago, performed a hymn with a text by J Michael Thompson and music by Nathanael Deward as part of the Lent V liturgy.

Francis Jonathan Bullock, our novice in the Diocese of Indianapolis, has received a letter of acceptance from Indiana University for the Master of Social Work Program there. His first semester will begin this coming August. Now comes the hard part, and we support you with our congratulations, our prayers and our very best wishes for the years ahead!

On May 19th Will Harpest graduated from the Diocese of Chicago's Parish Lay Chaplain Training course, a twelve-week training program held at Bishop Anderson House. Bishop Jeffrey Lee was on hand to celebrate the mass for this graduation service in thanksgiving for the ten participants, as were the Revs John David van Dooren and Jacqueline Cameron from Will's sponsoring parish, the Church of the Atonement, Chicago, and Joseph Basil Gauss provided the photographic coverage as well as fraternal support from the Brotherhood. Will read this personal statement:

As a result of this class, I've been introduced to a deeper reality of the suffering Christ among us...the constant hope of healing and renewal...and the ever-present comfort of the Holy Spirit. The people I have visited are members of the Body of Christ in my own parish. Their suffering and their loneliness draw me to the great stories of our faith that proclaim God's actions of loving compassion and mercy. As one of our in-



Will's post graduation gathering from the Lay Chaplaincy Program at Bishop Anderson House in Chicago. In the pic (l to r) Joseph Basil, Will, Atonement parishioner Wayne Mitchell, graduate Amy Youngkin, Mthr Jackie Cameron of Atonement, Fr John David van Dooren of Atonement, Travis McClendon, a lay chaplain from Atonement.



Ron and Andrew

structors stated: To do this work one must be able to draw on a very active prayer life. I have been humbled by such a realization.

Ronald Augustine and Joseph Basil took part in the annual Commencement at Seabury-Western. The former assisted as co-MC with the Rev Andrew Shirota, and the latter proudly bore the Diocese of Minnesota banner in procession. A highlight of the event was the inspired sermon by Dr James Forbes, Pastor Emeritus of The Riverside Church in New York.

Province 8

This is the season for ordinations, and we are delighted to announce that Blane Frederik van Pletzen-Rands will be ordained to the transitional diaconate by Bishop Carolyn Tanner Irish of the Diocese of Utah on Saturday, June 12th, at 10:00 am at the Cathedral Church of Saint Mark in Salt Lake City. Like Mark Andrew's ordination the previous week in Miami, this service also has a number of special facets, including the fact that one of Blane Frederik's presenters is to be Ælred Bernard Dean, Minister Provincial of Province 4. And we would be remiss if we did not also mention that Bishop Irish is the Episcopal Visitor of the Sisters of Saint Gregory. Blane Frederik's diaconal ordination comes at the completion of his seminary training at the General Theological Seminary in New York City. He will depart Salt Lake City for his new ministry as a canon on the staff of Saint Paul's Cathedral, Buffalo, in the Diocese of Western New York, where he will be ordained to the priesthood at the end of this year.



Joseph Basil with the Minnesota banner; Minnesota is his birthplace!

Emmanuel Williamson requested and was granted release from his annual vows of profession by the Brotherhood's Council. We wish him well in his continued ministry in Pennsylvania.

NÆCC Annual Meeting

The 2010 Annual Meeting of the National Association of Episcopal Christian Communities – NÆCC – was hosted by the Rivendell Community at the Rivendell Motherhouse in Dunnegan, located in the Diocese of West Missouri. Conference members representing a majority of the eleven member-communities gathered on Thursday afternoon, April 22, and spent the following three days in meeting, prayer and fellowship as they discussed matters of common concern for religious orders officially recognized by The Episcopal Church's Standing Committee on Religious Communities of the House of Bishops under the title of 'Christian Communities.' Gregorian Friar James Mahoney represented the Brotherhood of Saint Gregory, one of the founding communities of the organization; he also serves as Treasurer of NÆCC.

Los Angeles

Thomas Mark Liotta and James Mahoney were invited by the Glasspool family to be present for the ordinations and consecrations of Diane Jardine Bruce and Mary Glasspool at the Long Beach Arena outside Los Angeles on Saturday, May 15th. Our brothers were parishioners and personal friends of Mary's father, the Rev Douglas Glasspool, who was rector of their parish, Saint James Goshen, New York, for 35 years; they have maintained contact with the family through other family members who remain parishioners there. The service was a huge and gala event. Our brothers met many of the luminaries present including the Rev Malcolm Boyd and Bishop Sergio Carranza, the former Bishop of Mexico who is retiring for the second time, this time as Assistant Bishop of Los Angeles.



James Mahoney (second from left) and Thomas Mark (second from right) at the reception

You are cordially invited to attend
a celebration of the Holy Eucharist
together with
the Rites of the Brotherhood of Saint Gregory,
as, God willing,

Joseph Basil Gauss

Richard Matthias

Nathanael Deward Rahm

and

Thomas Lawrence Greer

make their life profession of vows

and

Bo Alexander Armstrong

and

Francis Jonathan Bullock

make their first profession of vows

Chapel of the Stigmata
Mount Alvernia
Wappingers Falls, New York
at one and a quarter o'clock
on July 31, 2010

Directions to Mount Alvernia are available at
<http://www.mtalvernia.org>

INTERCESSIONS

For the Brotherhood		Novices	Sat	For the Departed
Episcopal Visitor	Sun	Bo Alexander Armstrong		Benefactors, Friends & Associates:
Rodney R Michel		Francis Jonathan Bullock		Charlotte Morgan, Arsene &
Episcopal Visitors Emeriti		Blane Frederik van Pletzen-Rands		Louise Lemarier, Norman Hall,
<i>Horace WB Donegan d 11.11.91</i>		James Patrick Hall		George Koerner, Henry Fukui,
<i>Paul Moore, jr d 5.1.03</i>		Postulants		J Steward Slocum, James
<i>Walter D Dennis d 3.30.03</i>		Eric L Turner		Gundrum, Cecil Berges, Marion
Professed		Millard S Cook		Pierce, Helen Marie Joyce,
Richard Thomas Biernacki		Postulants-Prospective		Kenneth Staples, Elizabeth
<i>John Nidecker d 6.20.88</i>		Gregory A Green		Holton, Richard A Belanger,
James Teets		Richard E Helmer		Brendan W Nugent, Sarah
Luke Anthony Nowicki		and for Associates and Friends of		Elizabeth Wells, Sue Bradley,
<i>John Peter Clark d 2.25.94</i>		the Brotherhood		Jack Merryman; Paul Power,
William Francis Jones	Mon			William Russell, Mark
Stephen Storen		For Religious Communities		Domoguen; Elizabeth Mary
<i>Thomas Joseph Ross d 12.18.01</i>		Sacramentine & Visitandine Nuns		Burke SSG
Tobias Stanislas Haller		Society of the Atonement		Herbert Badgley
<i>William Bunting d 10.12.88</i>		Order of Friars Minor		Bernard Smith, OFM Cap
Edward Munro		Community of the Paraclete		Howard Stormon
<i>Charles Kramer d 10.23.06</i>		Companions of Saint Luke~		George FMS
<i>Bernard Fessenden d 8.10.93</i>		Benedictine		Vito FMS
Donovan Aidan Bowley	Tue	Community of Celebration		Karen Byron
<i>Edward Riley d 9.15.05</i>		Little Sisters of Saint Clare		Sharon
Christopher Stephen Jenks		Anamchara Fellowship		Anne Elder
Ciarán Anthony DellaFera		Anglican Order of Preachers		Felix McHale OCSO
<i>Damian-Curtis Kellum d 10.9.07</i>		Rivendell Community		John Mangrum
Richard John Lorino		Sisters of Saint Gregory		Rachel Whiteside
Ronald Augustine Fox		Third Order SSF		Gabe Peterson
Maurice John Grove		Worker Sisters & Brothers of the		Christopher Raymond Bailey
Charles Edward LeClerc		Holy Spirit		Ginny McClain
Virgilio Fortuna	Wed	Camaldolese Benedictines		Willard Bowron
Gordon John Stanley		Society of Saint John the		Diane Miller
Karekin Madteos Yarian		Evangelist		Nell Bell
William David Everett		Anglican Oblates of Saint		Matt James
Thomas Bushnell		Benedict		Donald R Shaffer
Thomas Mark Liotta		Community of the Transfiguration		Bob Taylor
James Mahoney		Order of Julian of Norwich		Annabelle Loula
<i>Patrick Ignatius Dickson d 7.20.05</i>		Order of the Holy Cross		Carol Syndansk
Robert James McLaughlin	Thu	Order of Saint Helena		Jerry Lawrence
Peter Budde		Community of Saint John Baptist		Gladys Kraft White
John Henry Ernestine		Society of Saint Francis		LaVonne Lichtenberger Beeson
Francis Sebastian Medina		For Ministries		Thomas Rivers
Ælfred Bernard Dean		Joseph Richey House		Keith Black
Joseph Basil Gauss		Fessenden Recovery Ministries		Larry Cravens
Mark Andrew Jones		Baltimore Int'l Seafarers' Center		Dominga
Richard Matthias		Saint Paul's Grayson St, San		Ralph V Curcio
William Henry Benefield	Fri	Antonio		Charles Nix
Nathanael Deward Rahm		Aldersgate UMC Dobbs Ferry		Gloria Landa Krolikowsa
Thomas Lawrence Greer		Saint James Fordham, Bronx		Lynch-Furney
Enoch John Valentine		Saint Christopher's, Kileen TX		Susan Berglund
Ron Fender		Saint James, Austin		Philip Contic
Michael Elliott		White Plains Hospital		Michael Jackson
David Luke Henton		Grace Cathedral, San Francisco		Dale Davenport
David John Battrick				Lily Aguada
Will Harpest				Bobbie Bevill
				Ginny Dunn
				Louise Bourgeois
				Bob Marvel