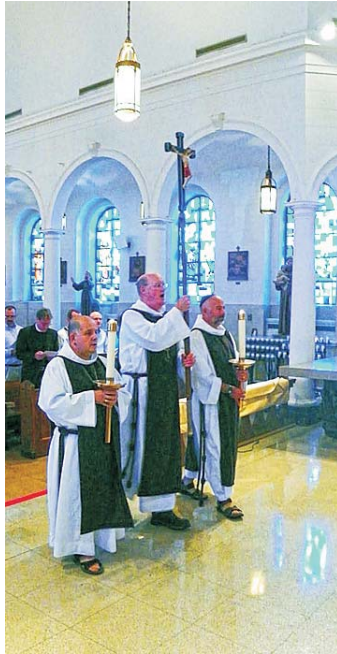
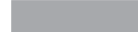


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A CALL TO THE IRONIC LIFE

It was a peculiar and ironic honor to be asked to preach at this year's profession service: Peculiar, because my habit needs at least another year's worth of stains before this community considers offering me a bib! Ironic because I speak today to vows I have yet to undertake. Ironic, too, in the crazy mixed up way I was reminded this week as I stood in proper order behind



Richard Edward preaching

Millard to receive communion—which reminded me of that delightfully confused verse of John's gospel: "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me..." (1:15) But before getting tangled up in the potential arrogance of using that verse, I flee to another perhaps more appropriate verse of John: "I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." (1:27) A much more worthy verse of unworthiness, if you will—in a week where not only do we stand in affirmation of Millard's first profession, but William Henry's life profession; in a week where I find myself pushed, by the in-

coming tide of postulants and two newly clothed novices, into the middle of this body; in a week where with tears of sorrow and hope we recounted and remembered the life of our beloved brother, Michael Elliott.

Who is worthy to untie the thong of anyone's sandal in such a cloud of witnesses? Or count the achievements of grace in even one of us? Jesus challenges us this day and every day to step out of our anxiety about ordinary clothing and food and into this great, mixed-up, ironic life of grace where order is drawn from chaos and chaos made of order, where life is greater than clothing, even greater than food; where indeed, as Paul writes to a young, confused Christian community in Corinth that we are called to be servants, to be witnesses enduring all the ironies of this life.

Like many of you the last few weeks, I spent evenings glued to the Olympics. After dinner and dishes, I would sit in my comfy armchair while my family and I would behold human achievement at its apex playing out before millions of on-lookers like us. One of the events we watched almost every evening was diving. As a musician, I practice for ten hours for perhaps ten minutes of performance of a



Millard Cook makes his first vows.



classical masterwork. Yet it remains difficult to imagine training for years and years to perfect a mere one-and-a-half seconds in the air and then have my whole future riding on that tiny fraction of time.

Catching my attention one evening between the crowded field of athletic prowess, the blitz of commercials, and the endless inane chatter of commentators—my wife

has acquired Olympic skill with the mute button—came the words of David Boudia. At one point when he was caught for an interview between dives in the individual semi-finals, he was asked about his feelings around the competition. With an off-the-cuff, almost pre-programmed casual evangelical tone, he uttered, “God is sovereign.”

I turned to my wife on the sofa and asked if that hit home for her. It was one of those, “So how’s that working for ya?” moments I have often shared with seminarians studying ministry in our parish the past few years. My wife shook her head no.

It didn’t work for me either at first. It seemed like shallow, rootless theology that would never reach the deep places of the heart. So I chuckled about it for a few days

until I read some background on David and realized we were beholding something more than the mere sloganeering that you might expect from a run-of-the-mill Midwestern evangelical faith. No, it was the slightly uncomfortable, but honest zeal of the newly converted.

It turns out that David, after medaling in a competition a few years ago, found himself wondering if that’s all there was to life: years of training, barely a second-and-a-half in the air, and then a medal around the neck. Sure, sure, commercial success and recognition came with it, too. He would have clothes to wear and worry about, he would have food to eat, but at the end of the day, success of this sort can own your life, and the capricious commercial world will chew you up and spit you out faster than it takes to make a single dive.



The question of what comes next sent him into a spiral of depression—a pathway that ultimately led him to discover a Christian faith. It dawned on me that for the briefest of moments—perhaps one-and-a-half seconds—we had caught a glimpse into the struggles of a young, tender soul caught in the bright lights of Olympic star-



Four new postulants begin their journey with the Brotherhood of Saint Gregory.

dom, of confronting the awful spiritual temptations of athletic ego. He had followed the siren song of success and found its emptiness. He knew the dangers. Maybe he was saying “God is sovereign” for no other reason than to simply remind himself of where life truly resides, and it wasn’t on the podium or in front of the cameras anymore.

The conundrum now that he has won Olympic gold will not be just where he will go from here, but whether or not the gold is his because he put God first. Will he be tempted as we are when we are met by success to imagine the cosmic quid pro quo has deigned to bless us for our efforts? Will he wonder whether or not—as I am fond of reminding a parish filled with successful entrepreneurs, managers, and financiers—God is more than a cosmic ATM; more than a mere divinization of our economic or vocational success?

Is my faith any greater than David Boudia’s, I now wonder, just because my three-word catch phrase that proclaims God’s sovereignty is in Latin, and just because it captures the spirit of a medieval Bishop of Rome?

Maybe not. I just pray the zeal endures.

It is our beloved Minister General who reminds us regularly that we are not called to be successful. Yet we chuckled yesterday evening as we lined up for the community photo that we are in danger of filling this choir to bursting. Success has come to the Brotherhood, but like the podiums and cameras, it is a gift to be recognized, but not our calling. Rather, as Richard Thomas says, we are called to be faithful—yes, faithful through the ironies of this life as Saint Paul would have us: “In afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the

left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. . . treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.”

Faithful witnessing to life in the gospel is hard. It is the hardest thing we do, moment-by-moment. Sometimes we’re great and sophisticated at it. Other times we get by and get through with barely a cliché or by the skin of our teeth, plunging into the darkness with the utterance of a single *solī Deo gloria*.

As a community of brothers, we hold one another through affection, through the discipline of a Rule, through mentoring and sometimes good old-fashioned cajoling to this witness to the ironic life we have received: an ironic life that can be a pain in our behinds when necessary, an ironic life that can be a joyous offering at other times, an ironic life that can be as dangerous as it is healing, as severe as it is gentle, as bewildering as it is meaningful. And what do we make of the ironies of this life rooted as it is in our baptism, in our vows, and in this fellowship?

A few years ago, before beginning this journey with the Brotherhood, I harbored a growing irritation with a colleague I worked with. Like the ironies of the religious life, she seemed to see success where I saw failure, was joyous in the midst of chaos while I was miserable, found organization stifling where it brought me some peace of mind. I asked a Zen priest about my irritation, and she reminded me to practice in those moments when my colleague was driving me the most crazy the old spiritual practice of breathing: inhaling light and exhaling darkness; of casting out the poisons of fear and resentment and drawing in the light of Life.

The spiritual life of this body is much like that. This body breathes through the ironies: breathes out the darkness, offering it to a God who is the only One who can manage to fashion it into something creative and generative. This body breathes in the Light, taking in the Spirit left for us to enliven our steps and strengthen our hearts, hands, and minds for service in Christ’s name.

I don’t suppose many of us, if any of us, will be Olympians as a result. No, we will be so much more than that! The Olympics celebrate the strength and skill of the human body in its prime—a prime that lasts a tiny fraction of time, maybe only a second or two, especially in the grand life of this planet, let alone the cosmos. When we lift up our hands to receive the Body of Christ or throw the pall over a brother about to make vows for the rest of his natural life, we embrace the great dance of grace that transcends life, death, and even time itself. We wear a cross where an Olympic medal might hang, a hood for a crown, shading our eyes from the immeasurable glory that is God’s, covering our heads in the storm that is God’s gracious justice. We get our



Larry Walter and Eric, presented by Francis Sebastian, take the next step in their pilgrimage.

hands dirty planting our lives and the lives of others in the fertile earth and ever-flowing abundance of God's love, that we might grow by grace into the sturdy, spiritually rooted ones Jeremiah envisions: so that clothes and food worry us less than abiding in the life of our Savior.

We show nakedness and vulnerability when the world demands decisive strength. We offer rugged solidarity where the world demands abandonment. We are brought together when the world flees to all corners. We are scattered when the world wants us pinned down in one place. Where the world proclaims difference, we call each other, "Brother," and clothe one another in sameness. Where the world wants to oppress with uniformity, we reflect an uncountable host of differing gifts.

We are a community of these and so many other ironies for the simple reason that the life we proclaim is ironic: death leads to life, vulnerability to strength, darkness to light, failure to success, humility to a true pride in our God. And all is meant to breathe into being a kingdom—God's kingdom: revealed yet hidden, beaten yet victorious, in here, yet out there . . . where we are called to serve.

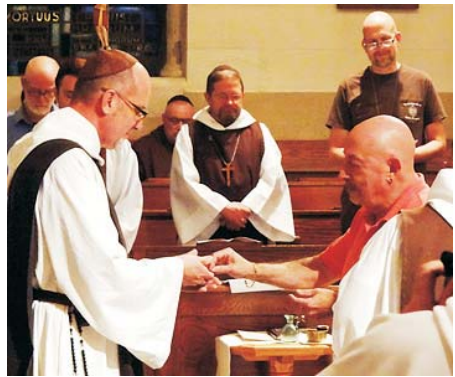
Richard Edward Helmer n/BSG

The Brotherhood Celebrates Life in Transition

ANNUAL CONVOCATION 2012

Gregorian Friars gathered at Mount Alvernia Retreat Center in Wappingers Falls, New York in mid-August to share in fellowship and spiritual exploration, to celebrate the rites of the community, and to meet in Chapter to take up matters of governance. Each year's Annual Convocation is a snapshot—a whole photo album—of each brother's life in religion as it is born, develops and matures, and sometimes as it passes on to New Life in God. All of these aspects of the Christian experience were contained in this year's gathering, and much more, as well.

Annual Convocations officially begin with the Gathering Service and conclude with the Rite of Mission, as the Minister General sends the members of the community back into the world, recharged to do the ministry God has called them to and the Brotherhood's Rule of Life has focused for them. This year's Gathering Service contained a special element: Minister General Richard Thomas Biernacki presented each professed



The Minister General presents the newly designed profession cross to Blane Frederik.

brother with a newly-designed cross of the Brotherhood. While the previous version of the cross had served very well since it was inaugurated in 1981, the new cross will represent the community for many decades into the future. Re-designed by Tobias

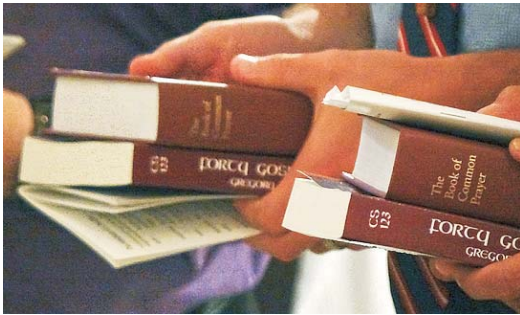
Stanislas Haller and executed in metal, this new cross should better withstand all of the “changes and chances of this life” to which its olive-wood predecessor occasionally fell victim.

Birth into religious life was reflected on Friday evening in the admission to postulancy of four men from across the USA: David J Kasievich and Andrew Kellner from the Diocese of Pennsylvania, Raymond A Chance from the Diocese of Oklahoma, and William Van Doren from the Diocese of California began



Two new postulants share a light moment during their admission.

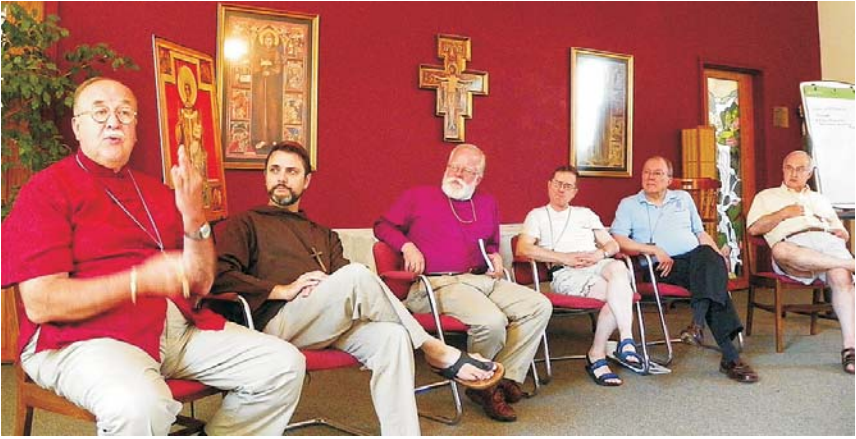
their journey with the Brotherhood as they were welcomed into this time of exploration, and presented with some of the basic tools for that journey, including a cross, the Book of Common Prayer, and a copy of the Homilies of Saint Gregory. Postulants Eric L Shelley (from the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia) and Larry Walter Reich (from the Diocese of East Tennessee) entered the next stage of their life in community, clothed as novices, and bound with the cincture of fortitude and defense. Earlier in the week seven friars had renewed their Annual Vows of Profession to Founder and Minister General Richard Thomas (New Jersey) in the presence of their Ministers Provincial: David Luke Henton, David John Battrick, Will Harpest, Bo Alexander Armstrong, Francis Jonathan Bullock, Blane Frederik van Pletzen–Rands and James Patrick Hall representing the Dioceses of Texas, Newcastle (Australia), Chicago, East Tennessee, Indianapolis, Western New York and Oklahoma, respectively.



Another feature of Friday Evening Prayer was the Minister General’s Commissioning of Officials for their new terms of service to the community; these included Minister Provincial 5 and Director of Convocation Music and Liturgy Nathanael Deward Rahm (Chicago), Minister Provincial 8 Karekin Madteos Yarian (California), Secretary Millard

Cook (Long Island), Treasurer James Teets (New York), Director of Education Thomas Bushnell (Los Angeles), Director of Postulants and Novices Francis Sebastian Medina (California) and Convocation Infirmarian Joseph Basil Gauss (Chicago).

The Annual Convocation Festival Holy Eucharist was celebrated by the Brotherhood’s Episcopal Visitor, Bishop Rodney R Michel; Richard Edward Helmer (California) preached the sermon printed in this issue. The liturgy included the solemn



(l to r) Bishop Michel, Richard Edward, Bishop Dietsche, Tobias Stanislas, James Mahoney and Thomas Mark: a lively discussion on experiences at General Convention

celebration of the Brotherhood's Rites of Profession. William Henry Benefield (Chicago) made his Life Profession of Vows, and Millard Cook made his First Profession of Annual Vows in the assembled company of their brothers, family members and friends. These solemn Rites of the Brotherhood bind each brother to our Rule of Life and acknowledge the completion of the brother's previous state of formation. A reception followed the liturgy in the cloister of Mount Alvernia Friary, followed in turn by an elegant dinner prepared by our Franciscan hosts. The Rite of Mission brought this convocation to its ending.

The daily masses were celebrated by Gregorian Friars Tobias Stanislas (New York), Mark Andrew Jones (Southeast Florida), David John and Blane Frederik, and were assisted by Gregorian Deacons Edward Munro (Maryland), Charles Edward LeClerc (New Hampshire), Virgilio Fortuna (Massachusetts), Gordon John Stanley (Chicago) and Thomas Mark Liotta (New York), together with the support of other Gregorian Friars. Preaching at the daily masses were Bishop Michel, William David Everett (Massachusetts), Richard Matthias (Ottawa, Canada), David John and Richard Edward. The full round of the Daily Office was also said and sung each day, officiated by the brothers.

Early in the week we were visited by Br Robert Sevensky OHC, a long-time friend of a number of Gregorian Friars and the Superior of the Order of the Holy Cross. His schedule only provided time for him to stay for the mass that day but he was warmly greeted by all as he joined us in choir.

Another welcome guest was the Rt Rev Andrew ML Dietsche, Bishop Coadjutor of New York; he was able to spend much of Wednesday with the gathered community. Bishop Andy, formerly Canon for Pastoral Ministry in the Diocese of New York, has known a number of our brothers during the many years he served in this diocese prior to his election as coadjutor, but this was the first opportunity he has had to visit the community gathered and to spend time with us—it was a joy to welcome him! As that day was the Feast of Saint Mary the Virgin, he was able to enjoy the fine sermon preached by Bishop Rodney at the high mass that day, and he also prayed the Daily



The Minister General receives William Henry's life profession of vows.

Office in choir with us. Another highlight of that day was the scheduled General Convention Debriefing—a regular event during convocations which follow the General Convention every three years—and Bishop Andy was glad to take part. The community gathered after Morning Prayer and those who had participated in the General Convention session in some capacity led a panel discussion and took questions: Bishops Rodney and Andy, together with Tobias Stanislas (Deputy from New York), Richard Edward (Alternate from California), James Mahoney (New York, and organizer of the NÆCC display booth in the convention's Exhibit Hall), and Thomas Mark (who volunteered as a page on the floor of the House of Bishops and assisted in staffing the NÆCC booth). Everyone had the opportunity to talk about his role(s) during the convention and to respond to questions from among the brothers.

Annual Convocation includes the central Chapter Meeting which debated a number of resolutions that would have introduced some significant changes; however, the course of debate indicated that the community was not of a mind to alter the Constitution to the extent proposed, and only a very minor alteration was approved.

This year's Convocation Retreat focused on reflection on the vowed life by the brothers gathered in several small groups by province, in an exploration intended to find ways for leaders in the provinces to support the living of the vows; a long-standing goal has been to provide further training and guidance for the Ministers Provincial. Council also met, as did each of the Provinces, two of which reelected the incumbent Minister Provincial to additional terms.

The ultimate in "transition" within the context of Christian experience was celebrated on Thursday, in the Memorial Mass for our beloved Brother Michael Elliott BSG, who died in February after an extended illness. Michael died in his native New Zealand, at the age of 73 and in his fourth year of Annual Vows in the Brotherhood,

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The mortal remains of Michael, with his cross and zucchetto

and his presence is missed by all of us. David John was charged with transporting his mortal remains from New Zealand to their final resting place in the close of Brecon Cathedral in Wales, where Michael had served as canon. David John preached a moving remembrance of Michael, and Mark Andrew presided at the Commendation.

The Christian experience of transition was eloquently captured by Saint Paul in his Letter to the Romans: “If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.” (14:8–9) Transition, then, is found in the permanent state of hope where each of us lives day after day—thanks be to God!

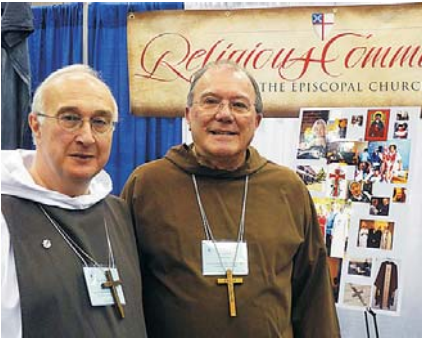
James Teets BSG

NÆCC at GC’12

FINDING COMMUNITY

James Mahoney, the Brotherhood’s representative to the National Association of Episcopal Christian Communities (NÆCC), organized and staffed the NÆCC booth in the Exhibit Hall at this summer’s General Convention, and he and Thomas Mark Liotta journeyed there at the beginning of July. James shared the following about this year’s experience: our developing collegial relationship with the monastic orders which comprise the Conference of Anglican Religious Orders in the Americas (CAROA) “resulted in close cooperation at General Convention in Indianapolis,

where we had exhibit booths across from each other with matching banners. This was a great opportunity for the orders and communities to meet each other face to face during the week as various visiting brothers and sisters stopped by and were introduced to each other. I put together a new brochure for NÆCC and managed the booth with help from various communities. While there, Br David Bryan Hoopes OHC (CAROA’s representative to NÆCC) and I met briefly with Bishop Russell Jacobus, Chair of the



Thomas Mark and James at the NÆCC booth

Committee of the House of Bishops on Religious Communities, and Bishop James Cowan, his Canadian counterpart...” Thomas Mark, who served in various capacities at GC’12, also spent time greeting visitors to the NÆCC booth, and Ronald Augustine Fox, Joseph Basil Gauss and Francis Jonathan Bullock also came to Indianapolis for the weekend to help out in the Exhibit Hall. Our presence at this triennial gathering of The Episcopal Church is always a wonderful opportunity to ‘meet and greet,’ and to say a word about the religious life as expressed in our church.

COMMUNITY NOTES

Province 1



Ciarán Anthony

Following up on our coverage of Ciarán Anthony DellaFera's graduation from the University of Massachusetts Medical School in June, he was proud to receive the Ann Nemitz Memorial award for compassionate commitment to self-reflection and service in medicine and he has begun residency at the Lawrence Family Medicine Residency, part of the Greater Lawrence Family Health Center, located in Lawrence, Massachusetts.

Saint Paul's Cathedral, Boston, was the setting for the Diaconal Ordination of Virgilio Fortuna. Virgilio and six others were ordained by Bishop Thomas Shaw SSJE. Minister Provincial Enoch John Valentine was one of the presenters and William David Everett read one of the lessons. Also participating was Virgilio's partner, Barry Turley, who played the organ postlude for the liturgy. Also in attendance and pictured below were Thomas Mark Liotta, James Mahoney, Ciarán Anthony

DellaFera, and Charles Edward LeClerc. Brothers gathered the prior evening for dinner in Boston and on Sunday, they attended Virgilio's first Eucharist serving as Deacon at his parish in Fall River.

Virgilio Fortuna himself reported "What a wonderful day—a day filled with the Spirit of God, a day filled with love from my community and from my friends who were there. I am so humbled and so thankful for my vocation...and to be ordained a servant of the servants of God! The weather was wonderful and we had about 650 people at the cathedral, as well as a visiting bishop from Africa." We surrounded you with our love and our prayers that day, dear brother, "as clouds of incense," and we are reminded that our patron, Saint Gregory the Great, in addition to being a religious, was also one of the seven Papal Deacons of Rome in his own day—which puts you in some fine company indeed!



On Saturday, August 5th, the Rev A Robert Hirschfeld was ordained and consecrated as Bishop Coadjutor of New Hampshire in succession to Bishop V Gene Robinson, who will retire as diocesan on January 5, 2013. Our Br Charles Edward LeClerc was on hand for the festivities, as was Sr Helen Bernice Lovell SSG—and this was the fourth service of consecration of a Bishop of New Hampshire that she has attended. Charles Edward and she spent some quality time catching up prior to the festival service, which was attended by 1,400 people at the Concord Center for the Arts. This wonderful celebration of a new ministry recalled many memories for quite a few Gregorian Friars who were present for Bishop Gene’s consecration in March of 2004. Charles Edward described this service as a “prayerful and grace-filled experience” and we find no reason to dispute that! May Bishop Rob serve long and well in his new diocesan home.



Virgilio displays the joy of a new call to service as he processes forth a new deacon.

Province 2

The Sisters of Saint Gregory held their 13th Annual Convocation at the Mount Alvernia Retreat Center the third week of July, and Thomas Mark Liotta visited with them during that week, which also saw the reception of one novice and the admission of two postulants to the community. The Convocation Festival Holy Eucharist was held on Friday, July 20th, and the service included the Life Profession of Vows of Sr Eugenia Theresa Wilson SSG, who is a deacon serving in the Bronx. The community’s Episcopal Visitor, Bishop Suffragan of Connecticut Laura J Ahrens, was present with them for this week of retreat and celebrated the Convocational Holy Eucharist. James

Teets and Tobias Stanislas were invited to stay for the lunch which followed, and this gave them the opportunity to visit with the senior sisters whom they knew very well and also to meet the newer ones that were admitted following the SSG’s autonomy in 1999.



Eugenia Theresa signs the instrument of profession as Susanna Bede and Helen Bernice look on.

Edward Munro represented the Brotherhood at the Profession of First Vows of Sister Barbara Ann of Jesus,

a member of the Episcopal Carmel of Saint Teresa, a contemplative community for women in The Episcopal Church located in Rising Sun, Maryland. The service took place at Saint Mary Anne’s Episcopal Church, North East, Diocese of Easton.

Sister Barbara Ann has been a priest for 20 years, served at Cordova, in the Diocese of Alaska, and was once in the Order of Saint Anne. Over 100 people were present in this small brick church built in 1743, including two bishops: the former Bishop of Maryland Robert Ihloff, the Carmelites' Episcopal Visitor, and the Bishop of Easton James Shand. Also present were three sisters from the Anamchara Fellowship, a sister from the Community of the Transfiguration (who knew our departed Thomas Joseph Ross), a number of Roman Catholic Carmelites from the Baltimore area, and a Roman Catholic Josephite sister from Philadelphia.



At General Convention (l to r): Richard Edward, James Mahoney, Joseph Basil, Tobias Stanislas, Ronald Augustine, Jonathan Francis, and Thomas Mark

David John Battrick brought Michael Elliot’s ashes with him from New Zealand for a celebration of his life at Convocation. He then traveled to Wales, where Michael served for many years, in order to fulfill Michael’s wish to be buried on the grounds of Brecon Cathedral—which was previously the priory church of Brecon. So our beloved brother rests with forebears in the religious life who have served that monastic house and cathedral church. David John provided the following: “Bishop John Davies, the Bishop of Swansea and Brecon, will preside at a Requiem Eucharist for the Rev Canon Michael Elliott BSG at 3 pm on Monday 3rd September 2012 at Brecon Cathedral. Michael’s ashes will then be interred in the cathedral graveyard. You are most welcome to join us as we celebrate Michael’s life together.” May our brother rest in peace and rise in glory!

Province 5

Bishop Frank T Griswold preached at this year’s Seabury-Western commencement, in the ELCA Chapel in Chicago. Bishop Andrew Dietsche, Bishop Coadjutor of New York, received an honorary doctorate; Joseph Basil was chaplain to the board of trustees and faculty; and Ronald Augustine was MC. Ronald Augustine is the Executive Assistant to the President of the



Bexley Hall Seabury Western Federation. The photo shows (l to r) Joseph Basil, Bishop Dietsche, Ronald Augustine, and Bishop Griswold.

Province 8

On the weekend of Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee celebration, Thomas Bushnell was in Munich on business and sent this report: "On Trinity Sunday I had the pleasure of worshipping at Ascension, the American Episcopal church in Munich. A treat was that the Rt Rev Pierre Whalon, Bishop of the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe, was celebrant, and there was one confirmation and two receptions. Both receptions were of German men; I would have loved to have a chance to hear their stories. The bishop preached a fine sermon emphasizing the interrelation of love within the Trinity, drawn nicely from Augustine and Aquinas, and filled with a gentle joy and engaging manner. If you know his writing online, I can affirm that his in-person preaching is similar, but adds also a lightness and dynamism that is attractive to me. He sends his greetings to all of us. After the service I chatted with the Rev Steven Smith, Rector of Ascension, and mentioned that one of our departed Gregorian Friars—Edward Riley—had been his predecessor for a time there. Because it was the bishop's visitation, there was a splendid table spread of tea sandwiches and sausage and pretzels and more. We shared a toast in honor of Queen Elizabeth's jubilee, and *God Save the Queen* also made an appearance during coffee hour. I noticed that the bishop sang along, except for the line 'long to reign over us,' which I appreciated!"



The Community of Brothers gathers for a family photo. Not present were Maurice John Grove, Ælfred Bernard Dean and John Henry Ernestine.

INTERCESSIONS

For the Brotherhood

Episcopal Visitors *Sun*
 Rodney R Michel
Horace WB Donegan d 11.11.91
Paul Moore, jr d 5.1.03
Walter D Dennis d 3.30.03

Professed

Richard Thomas Biernacki
John Nidecker d 6.20.88
 James Teets
 Luke Anthony Nowicki

John Peter Clark d 2.25.94 *Mon*
 William Francis Jones
 Stephen Storen
Thomas Joseph Ross d 12.18.01
 Tobias Stanislas Haller
William Bunting d 10.12.88
 Edward Munro
Charles Kramer d 10.23.06
Bernard Fessenden d 8.10.93

Donovan Aidan Bowley *Tue*
Edward Riley d 9.15.05
 Christopher Stephen Jenks
 Ciarán Anthony DellaFera
Damian-Curtis Kellum d 10.9.07
 Richard John Lorino
 Ronald Augustine Fox
 Maurice John Grove
 Charles Edward LeClerc

Virgilio Fortuna *Wed*
 Gordon John Stanley
 Karekin Madteos Yarian
 William David Everett
 Thomas Bushnell
 Thomas Mark Liotta
 James Mahoney
Patrick Ignatius Dickson d 7.20.05
 Robert James McLaughlin
 Peter Budde

John Henry Ernestine *Thu*
 Francis Sebastian Medina
 Ælred Bernard Dean
 Joseph Basil Gauss
 Mark Andrew Jones
 Richard Matthias
 William Henry Benefield
 Nathanael Deward Rahm
 Thomas Lawrence Greer

Enoch John Valentine *Fri*
 Ron Fender
Michael Elliott d 2.8.12
 David Luke Henton
 David John Battrick
 Will Harpest
 Bo Alexander Armstrong
 Francis Jonathan Bullock
 Blane Frederik van Pletzen-Rands
 James Patrick Hall
 Millard Cook

Novices

Richard Edward Helmer
 Eric Shelley
 Larry Walter Reich
Postulants
 David J Kasievich
 Andrew Kellner
 Raymond A Chance
 William VanDoren

For Religious Communities

Sacramentine & Visitandine Nuns
 Society of the Atonement
 Order of Friars Minor
 Community of the Paraclete
 Companions of Saint Luke~
 Benedictine
 Community of Celebration
 Little Sisters of Saint Clare
 Anamchara Fellowship
 Anglican Order of Preachers
 Rivendell Community
 Sisters of Saint Gregory
 Third Order SSF
 Worker Sisters & Brothers of the
 Holy Spirit
 Camaldolese Benedictines
 Society of Saint John the
 Evangelist
 Anglican Oblates of Saint
 Benedict
 Community of the Transfiguration
 Order of Julian of Norwich
 Order of the Holy Cross
 Order of Saint Helena
 Community of Saint John Baptist
 Society of Saint Francis

For Ministries

Joseph Richey House
 Fessenden Recovery Ministries
 Baltimore Int'l Seafarers' Center
 Saint Paul's Grayson St, San
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 Saint Christopher's, Kileen TX
 Saint James, Austin
 White Plains Hospital
 The Community Kitchen
 Cathedral of St John, Providence

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