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Here and there with the Gregorian friars and sisters
COMMUNITY NOTES

*Winter
Convocation
1998*



Karekin Madteos preaches at the Holy Eucharist during Winter Convocation 1998.

The 1998 Winter Convocation of the Brotherhood and the Companion Sisterhood of Saint Gregory took place at Graymoor, the motherhouse of the Society of the Atonement in Garrison, New York, and again coincided with the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January 20 to 25). The Gregorian brothers and sisters gathered from across the country for annual retreat and to participate in the Week of Prayer with the Friars and Sisters of the Atonement, as an outgrowth of the Covenant of Prayer signed seven years ago between the two orders. This year marked the 90th anni-

versary of the Week of Prayer, as well as the Centenary of the founding of the Society of the Atonement. The week-long observance began with a gala celebration at the Interchurch Center in Manhattan, at which the Rev Dr Joan Brown Campbell, General Secretary of the National Council of the Churches of Christ, preached the keynote sermon.

As in past years, the Gregorians designed and offered one of the public services of worship for the Week of Prayer and again this year Francis Andrew contributed the liturgy—a Service of Lessons and Music—Tobias Stanislas officiated, assisted by James and Elizabeth Mary. The service was well-received by the Atonement Friars and Sisters, who hosted the reception following the service.

As part of the Centenary observance, Tobias Stanislas' essay, "Shadows of Unity:



James assists as Helen Bernice renews her vows of profession, hands clasped by those of the Superior General.



Margaret Guenther leads a challenging workshop.

Huntington's Quadrilateral and Wattson's "Week of Prayer" was published in the Winter 97–98 edition of the Society of the Atonement's *SA Heritage* journal, along with excellent responses from two Atonement friars, Wilfed Tyrrell and Charles Angell. The paper, originally written for Professor R William Franklin's church history course at

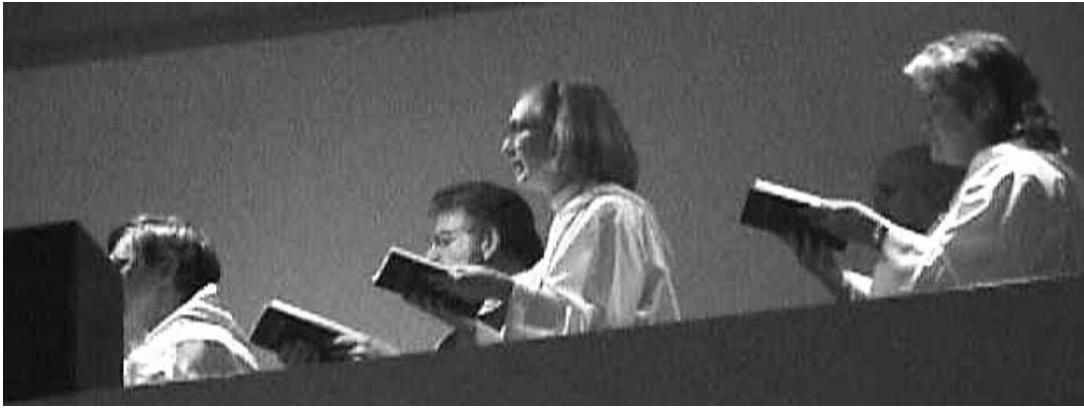


Francis Andrew directs the schola in music for the Unity Service.

General Seminary, compared the lives and careers of two major figures in the Diocese of New York—and the wider church—at the turn of the century. Huntington was rector of Grace Church, Manhattan, and originator of what was to become the Chicago-Lambeth Quadrilateral; Wattson, a GTS alumnus, caused a sensation in the early years of this century when he led the fledgling Society of the Atonement from the Episcopal Church to the Roman Catholic Church, and worked tirelessly in pursuit of a vision of church unity based on corporate reunion. The contrasts in personality and vision between these two dynamic men makes up the theme of the paper.

Winter Convocation featured the renewal of annual vows of profession by Helen Bernice, who made her first profession two years ago at the age of 82.

This year's convocation retreat focused on spiritual direction, and the program leader was the Rev Margaret Guenther, PhD, the recently retired Director of the Center for Christian Spirituality and Professor of Ascetical Theology at the General Theological Seminary in New York City. Through the course of two sessions, Dr Guenther guided the community through in-depth discussions and workshops important to both spiritual directors and directees. Later in the week,



The schola sings out at the Unity Service.



Margaret Guenther's workshop has an attentive and responsive audience.



Tobias Stanislas celebrates his first Eucharist for the Gregorian community, on the feast of Saint Agnes. James serves as acolyte, and Edward (not shown) as deacon.

Robert Michael presented a conference entitled “The Theology and Spirituality of Leisure,” addressing the oft-ignored but important issue of relaxation in terms of the religious life. Robert Michael holds a PhD in psychology and has maintained a practice for over a decade.

A number of other meetings took place during this week apart, including those of the community’s Council, the legal corporation and the Education Committee, with several occasions for the order’s directors to meet with postulants, novices, and sponsors. The members of the Companion Sisterhood took the opportunity to explore the autonomy process, spending Saturday at the Convent of Saint Helena in Vails Gate, New York, and using this opportunity to meet and plan together in a short retreat by Sr Ellen Stephen, OSH.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and Winter Convocation ended on Sunday, January 25, with the Feast of the Conversion

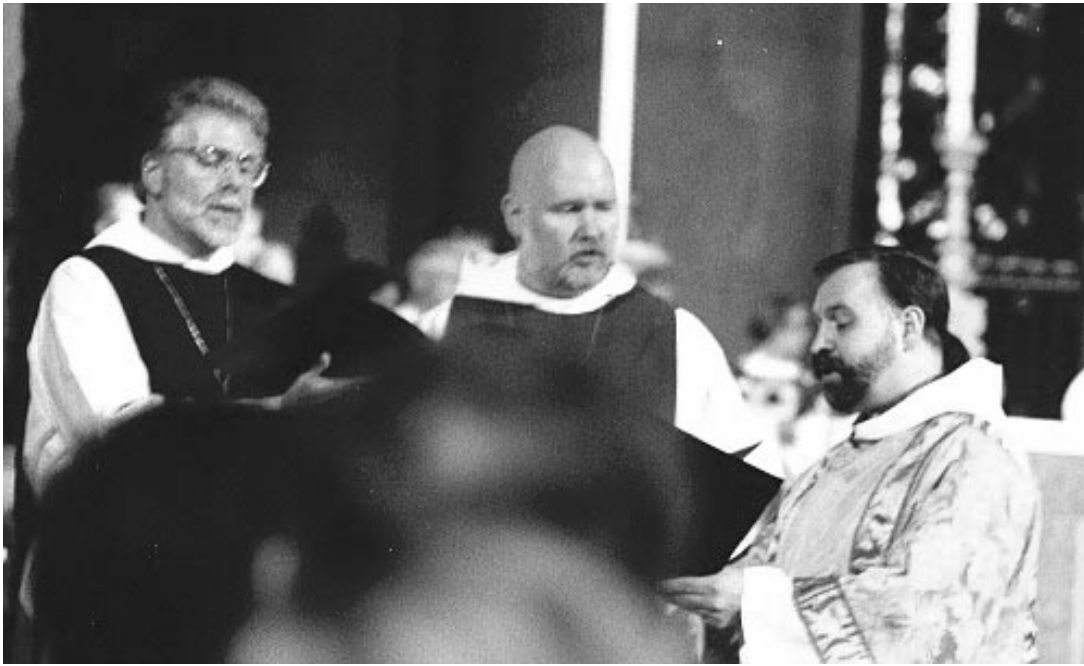


Bishop Richard F Grein, Deacon Claudia Wilson, and Tobias Stanislas at his ordination to the priesthood

of Saint Paul. That being the Feast of Title at Tobias Stanislas’ new parish—Saint Paul’s, Yonkers—community members came down by caravan to participate in the festival service there. Tobias Stanislas was the celebrant, Carin Bridgit was deacon of the mass, James was subdeacon, Francis Andrew preached, William Francis was thurifer and Donovan Aidan and Alban Patrick were torchbearers.

New York City

Tobias Stanislas was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Richard F Grein of New York on Saturday morning, December 13, at the Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine. He was one of a class of seven. Gregorian friars, sisters and Associates from across the country—as well as his mother from



Alban Patrick, Christopher Stephen, Francis Andrew (also deacon of the Gospel), and Thomas Mark (not seen) give voice to a moving communion anthem in the great space of the Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine.

Baltimore and his sister and brother-in-law from Mannheim, Germany—came to witness this wonderful event in his life and in the ongoing life of our order! Richard Thomas, James, and the Rev Ronald T Lau presented him to the bishop, while William Francis, Richard John, and Ellen joined the cathedral’s usher corps and Francis Andrew organized and conducted a beautiful rendition of “What Wondrous Love” as a communion anthem, leading Christopher Stephen, Alban Patrick, and Thomas Mark. This was a moving gift from our community to all of the ordinands and to the more than two thousand present for the service on a bright and sunny fall day. The festivities continued on the Cathedral Close with a reception in Synod Hall, followed by a luncheon sponsored by Richard John and the members of the Brotherhood’s Province II together with the vestry of Tobias’ new parish, Saint Paul’s, Yonkers. The day closed with a glorious

celebration of Solemn Evensong for the Eve of the Third Sunday of Advent, Tobias Stanislas officiating and community members and members of the congregation participating together. A special feature of the service was the dedication and installation of an icon of the Our Lady of the Sign (The Madonna of the Incarnation) in the parish Lady Chapel. This beautiful icon was written for Tobias Stanislas and presented to him on the occasion of his life profession by Michael David, an accomplished iconographer.



Recent events at the Episcopal Church Center included a Celebration of the Ministry of Edmond Lee Browning, 24th Presiding Bishop, on December 18, 1997, with Richard Thomas as organist. Bishop Browning concelebrated the mass with Bishop Charlie F McNutt and the Rev Lynn A Collins, and Sonia Francis, Senior Executive for Program, gave the homily. As a gift to the staff, the Brownings hosted a luncheon reception in their apartment following the service.

Another departure from the staff of the Episcopal Church Center was our own Francis Andrew, who has moved to Portland, Oregon, to accept the position of chaplain at Saint Jude's Care Center, a facility for persons with Alzheimer's Disease. A special service to honor his two years of service was held on February 6 at the Chapel of Christ the Lord, though Francis Andrew didn't have the chance to relax—he was both deacon and preacher! The Rev Canon Donald A Nickerson, Secretary of the General Convention, celebrated the Holy Eucharist, also assisted by James as Epistoler and Richard Thomas as organist. A pizza reception was held following the service in the Office of the Bishop for the Armed Forces.

Washington DC

Members of the community traveled to the Cathedral Church of Saint Peter and Saint Paul on Saturday, January 10, to participate in the investiture of the Most Rev Frank T Griswold as the 25th Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church. Richard Thomas led the BSG delegation, together with James, Tobias Stanislas and Francis Andrew from New York, and Ronald Augustine representing our long-standing relationship with the new Primate and Chief Pastor from his days as Bishop of Chicago. It was as grand a service as could be imagined, with the opportunity for visiting with many old friends. We pray for the blessing of strength, courage, wisdom and compassion for Bishop Griswold as he begins his new ministry and we pledge him our sincere support.



Richard Thomas assists in vesting Presiding Bishop Edmond Browning prior to the bishop's final service at the Episcopal Church Center, while Bishop Charlie McNutt looks on.



Members of Province I gather for a blustery quiet day.

Stephen as cantor—and they will both be added to the future rota as regular preachers. Ellen has also become a regular, and she will be serving and preaching as her schedule at General Seminary permits. James preached on the First Sunday after Christmas and on the Last Sunday after the Epiphany—also now known as World Mission Sunday—and he gave a presentation during coffee hour on Anglican Communion Sunday—bet you can guess the subject!

Yonkers NY

Thanksgiving 1997 was well celebrated by friars, sisters, Associates and friends of Province II at the annual Provincial Thanksgiving Dinner on Saturday afternoon, November 29. This year Fessenden House was the host location of this moveable feast and Francis Andrew, Christopher Stephen and Associate Pat Ahearn outdid all previous years! In addition to copious amounts of the traditional gobbler n' fixins', the day closed with a glorious First Evensong of the First Sunday of Advent, Francis Andrew officiating, Thomas Mark acolyte, Tobias Stanislas and Christopher Stephen as a mini-schola, and Pat Ahearn and William Francis as readers.

The Third Sunday of Advent, 1997, was Tobias Stanislas' first Sunday as Pastor of Saint Paul's, Yonkers, and a number of those friars and sisters attending his priestly ordination the day before were able to stay and participate in his first mass. Since then William Francis and Christopher Stephen have joined James as regular participants in the services at Saint Paul's—William Francis as thurifer and torchbearer and Christopher

Albany NY

Superior General Richard Thomas exercised his ministry as Deputy Registrar of Consecrations for the Office of the General Convention, at the Ordination and Consecration of the Rt Rev Daniel W Herzog as Bishop Coadjutor of Albany; Maurice John and Alban Patrick traveled to the New York capital for the occasion.

Chicago

As has become his custom during winter break, Michael David traveled from Louisiana to Chicago, visiting churches and art museums. On Sunday, January 4, he attended high mass at Ronald Augustine's parish church, Atonement, with 40 of his students from the Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts. That must have made coffee hour a real experience!

New Hampshire

Helen Bernice recently collected yet another award. At the Wing Conference of the Civil Air Patrol of New Hampshire, Lieutenant Colonel (and Sister) Helen Bernice Lovell received a plaque as "Senior of the Year" for 1996–97. She remarked: "By far this is



Helen Bernice humbly accepts the accolade of her Civil Air Patrol colleagues at an award ceremony last July.

the most prestigious award ever presented to me, as only one is given out each year.” Helen Bernice is Commander of the Cobra Cadet Squadron, a Civil Air Patrol formation in New Hampshire.

In a “late breaking” piece of news, your prayers are especially asked for Helen Bernice, who has suffered a broken arm.

World AIDS Day, December 1, 1997, was observed at Saint James’ Church, Laconia, in a special service and a presentation given by Charles Edward. His work with people with AIDS is one of the several ministries he maintains in the health care field.

Syracuse NY

Maurice John’s mother, Jessie Lillian Pashley, died on February 1 after breaking her hip and contracting pneumonia. She was 91. A memorial service was held on February 13 at Saint Paul’s Cathedral, Syracuse, with the dean, the Very Rev Richard A Bower, as celebrant, the Rev Canon Martha G Metzler as preacher, Tobias Stanislas as Gospeler and administrant, and James as lector. Maurice John and his son and daugh-

ter and their families were present, as well as Alban Patrick and Susanna Bede, and Associates Carol Gwynn Hays and the Rev Gerard F Beritella. She was know as “Nan” and was dear to many in our community; her wonderful sense of humor will be greatly missed.

Palo Alto CA

Karekin Madteos is the new Parish Administrator at All Saints’ Church. Congratulations and all the best in this new position.

Associates News

R William Franklin, one of our newest Associates, was elected Dean of Berkeley Divinity School at Yale, thereby leaving his position as Professor of History and World Mission and Professor of Modern Anglican Studies at the General Theological Seminary and taking up his new ministry on January 5. Our prayers and our congratulations are yours!

Welcome to new Associates Julianne Kraft of Mechanicburg, Pennsylvania, and M Sharon Ryan of Massena, New York

INTERCESSIONS

The Gregorian Family

Episcopal Visitor Sun
Walter D Dennis

Episcopal Visitors Emeriti
Horace WB Donegan d 11.11.91
Paul Moore, jr

Life and Annual 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
Tobias Stanislas Haller
William Bunting d 10.12.88
Edward Munro

Charles Kramer Tue
Bernard Fessenden d 8.10.93
Donovan Aidan Bowley
Michael David Elvestrøm
Edward Ramón Riley
Christopher Stephen Jenks
Ciarán Anthony DellaFera

William Edward Orce Wed
Clare Connell
Damian-Curtis Kellum
Richard John Lorino
Ronald Augustine Fox
Charles Edward LeClerc
Maurice John Grove

Francis Andrew Phillips Thu
Andrew Fortuna
Elizabeth Mary Burke
Gordon John Stanley
Lillian-Marie DiMicco
Helen Bernice Lovell
Karekin Madteos Yarian
Robert Michael Burnham
Alban Patrick Thompson

Novices Fri
Susanna Bede Caroselli
Stephen Julian Moss
Gabriel Liam Everett
Thomas Bushnell
Thomas Mark Liotta
James Dunstan Mahoney
Ellen Poisson
Carin Bridgit Delfs
Patrick Ignatius Dickson

Postulants Sat
Barbara Dunne
Donna Lise Dambrot
Robert J McLaughlin

Douglas Cain
James E Cyphers

Associates

Cecil Berges d 10.16.90 Sun
Marion Pierce d 12.26.91
Helen Marie Joyce, VHM
Grosvenor Calkins, jr

Jeff Emmett
Richard A Belanger d 11.21.94
Joseph di Mauro, SA
Catherine W Sturm
Mary Helen Clare
Maryann Wolff
Joseph F O'Day

Stephen D Montgomery Mon
Fidel Flores
Brendan W Nugent d 10.10.96

Sheila Gould
Earl Christian
Lawrence LeRoy David
Kenneth Staples d 10.6.92
David Smith
William R Munroe
Wendell Allen
Elizabeth J Holton d 8.27.93

Roland "Randy" RR Pryor Tue
Grant Walsh
Mary Virginia Clement Haney
Jeffery L Benson
M Eugene Ellis
Mark Harris
Enrique Antonio Illarze
Dennis W Pattey
John A Bell
Gerard F Beritela
Perry L Conley
Ethel B "Ettyc" Hurley

Wilhelmina Barton Wed
Raymond E Barton
Gabriel McGovern
Amy M Barron
Leopold Frade
Diana D Frade
Robin Stephanie Steele
Ulric Van den Berghe
Carol Gwynn Hays
James David Walley
David Benzshawel

Robin R M'Kay Thu
Theresa Allan
Glenn R Charlton
Betsy Kardos
David Burton
Timothy Lundy
Wiley W "Jack" Merryman
David A Dean

Albert O Cantwell
Graham Thomas Prosser
Philip L Hewitt
Michael S Parenti

Mark L Raper Fri
Laurie A Wiegand
John-Albert Moseley
JoAnn Tomback
Carl Lindgren, OSN
R Tony Cable
Lynne J D McQuade
Ian William Louth
Zech Schariah
Lydia Karlo
Steven Bright-Jordan, OSJ
Ruth Richmond Laning

Denise A Tibedo Sat
Kathleen C Klee
Sarah G Wells
Patrick Bell Schwing
R William Franklin
Martin Barahona
M Carl Lunden
Patricia A Ahearn
David Alvarado
Jay Frank Crosthwaite
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Community of the Transfiguration

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William Edward Orce, BSG
Edward Ramón Riley, BSG
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Luke Anthony Nowicki, BSG
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Lillian-Marie DiMicco, CSSG
Helen Bernice Lovell, CSSG
Charles Edward LeClerc, BSG
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Eleanor Poisson
Denise A Tibedo, a/BSG
Deirdre Good
Debbie
Patricia and Carrie Moss
more

Intercessions, continued

Evangeline Leto
Vera Jones
Don Hilton
Ellen Harles
Andrew DeFilippo
Scott
Jim Bushnell
Jeffrey Macdonald
Connie Lineman

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J Norman Hall
George T Koerner
Henry N Fukui
Charles Braun
Jessie Lillian Pashley
John Pilgrim
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Quentin Primo
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Kyle Goodling

Bernard Delfs
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Moseley, Douglas Christie, John
Calabrese, Scott Shenkman,
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Becky Moss
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Paul and Judy
James Moseij
Bishop Joe Doss and the Diocese of
New Jersey
Cher Yarian
Mark Harris
Ellen and John Harles
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Thanksgiving

The Centenaries of the Community of
the Transfiguration and the Society
of the Atonement
The life profession of Abraham
Newsom, OSB

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