

THE QUILL

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LEGACY SOCIETY OFF TO STRONG START

The St. Bede's Endowment Fund has been established with the announcement of a bequest to the parish from the estate of the late Jean Gould. Jean died on June 2 from congestive heart failure and anemia. In her estate planning, Jean left to St. Bedes all of her stock in Verizon which currently has a value of between \$60,000 and \$70,000. That is a most generous legacy gift and it comes at precisely the right time to establish the St. Bede's Endowment Fund.

With this new fund, we now have a detailed plan for the receipt, investment and stewardship of Legacy gifts entrusted to the parish through Bequests in Wills, Estate Plans and various life income gifts. The benefit of giving to an Endowment Fund is that your gifts will continue to grow and support our ministries in perpetuity as withdrawals for ministry will be on total return, not the principal.

We are also launching St. Bede's Legacy Society to honor those Christian disciples who have a vision for the future of St. Bede's – disciples who have the determination to make provisions for the health and continuing development of our Parish. The Legacy Society will consist of all those who present the Parish with a Declaration of Intent to contribute to the Endowment Fund. Founding Members will be those who indicate such commitments before All Saints' Sunday – Nov. 5, 2006.

Would you consider becoming a founding member of St. Bede's Legacy Society? Soon, we will send you a brochure to assist you with your initial reflections. The Vestry has yet to name the Endowment Committee. The Task Force which has been working for the last several months is composed of Annette Graw, Jerry Hornof, Peggy Levenstein, Michael Mullins, Samira Tamer, Paul Thompson and myself. We have been ably advised by Diocesan Missioner Ben Harrington. Any of us would be glad to speak to you at greater length. A few casual dinners will be hosted for those who might like to gather with others to discuss this new endeavor in a convivial atmosphere.

IS GOD'S WILL IN YOUR WILL ??

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THIS MONTH

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Holy Land Trip
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CANON JIM'S JOTTINGS

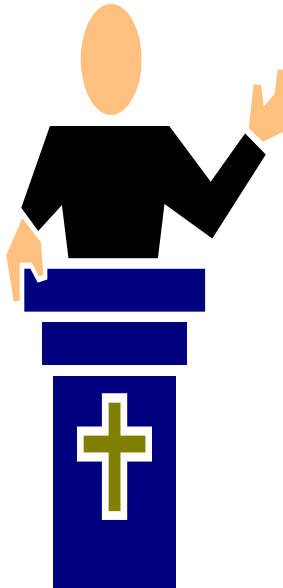
Dear Friends in Christ:

As I write this in early June, I am preparing to leave for the Church's General Convention (GC) in Columbus, Ohio. Most Episcopalians do not care what happens in the General Convention, but they do care what happens in their local congregation.

The GC makes policy for the Episcopal Church. We pass resolutions, write or amend Church (Canon) Law, elect governing officers, approve new liturgies (and sometimes new Prayer Books, as in 1928 & 1979), and decide the rules for ordination to the Diaconate, Priesthood & Episcopate.

In previous years, the GC has made some people unhappy by making the Church too open. One split occurred after WW2 due to the "race issue". Another split occurred in the 1970's over the "gender issue" (ie., women's ordination). That increased after the consecration of the 1st woman Bishop in 1989. Another split is occurring due to the "sexuality issue" following the consecration of a gay, partnered bishop in 2003.

However, in each of these issues, it has been the role of the GC to make policy for the Church. Furthermore, the polity of the Episcopal Church is democratic. That is, we elect delegates at the congregational level to represent us at the levels of Deanery & Diocese. The Diocesan convention



elects delegates to represent us at the Provincial & National (GC) level. These are the people who will represent us at the GC in Columbus. I am honored to be part of a Diocesan deputation for the 3rd time (also in 1985 & 1988).

At this Convention, the House of Bishops will elect a new Presiding Bishop & Primate for the Church (to replace Frank Griswold). One of the candidates is female (the Nevada Bishop). If elected, that will cause some people a problem.

We will also begin talks with the United Methodist Church about inter-communion, we will respond to the concerns of more traditional parts of the Anglican Communion about our Church's openness, we will look at other issues of faith and justice.

One of the issues that has faced Church councils for the last 2,000 years is whether the Church is more open or more restricted (or who is in and who is out). It seems that the general, inexorable flow of the Holy Spirit is toward open and inclusive. That is what happened in Acts 15 with regard to Gentile inclusion. Some would say that was the beginning of the slippery slope and others would say it was the opening for the Holy Spirit that has continued to this day.

In Christ, **Jim Newman+**

VITAL STATISTICS

Visitors:

Candace DiLello, Ray & Marguerite Fincher, Suzanne Scarmack, Luisa del Giudice, John Hirling, Alicia Mape, Michael Korich

Please Pray for:

Fr. Giles, Tina, Fred, John, Lois, Eugenia, Dulcie, Janet, Michael, Diane, Nabila, Harriet, Fr. John, Fr. Howard, Daniel, Joe, Wes, Mary Jane, David, Kim, Megan, Ada, Ina, Frances, Peggy, Sandi, Kelly, Ergun, Don, Charlotte, Caleb, Dennis

BAPTISMS

Soli Ann Butts 5/21
Kristen Diane Weirick 6/04

MARRIAGE

Eric & Gretchen Dalquist 6/24

BURIAL

Jean Blanche Gould 6/11

July Birthdays:

07/01 Thomas Elliott
07/04 Nicole Duval
07/09 Keenan Vaughn
07/09 James Vaughn
07/11 Eric Dalquist
07/12 Janet Chiljian-Fox
07/20 Dulcie Ellis
07/22 Cambria Becker
07/22 Kimball Wheeler
07/25 Edmonde Haddad
07/26 Reed Wilson
07/29 Annika Beaulieu
07/29 Kyle Ferstead
07/31 Diana Neilson

July Anniversaries:

07/03 Daniel & Elizabeth Mohler
07/04 Quinn & Jim Kelley
07/15 Ruth & Leo Nicastro
07/30 Reed & Diane Wilson

VARIOUS MINISTRIES NEEDED

Catechists for the older students' Atrium (Fr. Jim)
 Acolytes (Michael Gallagher)
 Lectors (Dennis Winston)
 Lay Eucharistic Ministers (Michael Gallagher)
 Lay Eucharistic Visitors (Annette Graw)
 Office help on Tuesdays & Wednesdays (Fr. Jim)

HOLY LAND/PETRA BECKON!

Join Canon Jim Newman & Fr. Dean Farrar (Rector, St. Francis, Palos Verdes Estates) on an 11-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Petra. Visit Mt. Carmel, Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, the Mt. of the Beatitudes, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Bethany, Masada & the Dead Sea & in Jordan: Petra, Madaba, Mt. Nebo. The trip will depart LAX on Dec. 30, 2006; cost \$2,798. Space is limited!! For more information contact the Church office.

PARISH INTERN TO START

Beginning in August, the Rev. Giovan King will join the Parish Staff as an intern working with us for the next ten months. Ms. King is a graduate of the Harvard Divinity School and is ordained in the Congregational Church. She and her husband Tom live in Culver City.

In many ways, her time with us will resemble the period that Pam Tyler was here prior to her ordination. Mike Mullins will be coordinating a support committee to work with Giovan while she is here.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED

We need people to sign up for the summer coffee hours. The chart is relatively empty for June, July & August, but the services continue. Please check the boards to the east of the Coffee Cart.

**PLAN NOW FOR
 2007-2008 SISTERS OF BEDE
 VENUE DINNERS & EVENTS**

The Party of Parties is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 7. At that time, you may sign up for Well, we do not know yet. After tremendously successful events, the most recent being Angus Mackay's Parrot & Organ BBQ, it is time to put on one's "think cap" and plan ahead.

- ◆ What kind of educational fish dinner will Jerry & Karen host?
- ◆ Will there be another Eclectic Cabaret?
- ◆ How will Canon Jim's offerings reflect his travels?
- ◆ How will *Romeo & Juliet* be set to a food theme?

Plan ahead, the questionnaire from the Sisters will come out this summer and you want to be ready to make the next season of events the best yet.

RECTOR'S TRAVELS

Canon Newman will be gone for the first half of July, leaving on the evening of June 27. His travels will be in three parts:

1. He will journey to England to present the Rev. John Hughes for ordination to the Sacred priesthood in Exeter on July 1 and attend his 1st eucharist on July 4.
2. He will preach at St. Andrew's, Romford, (part of the Diocese of London) on Sunday, July 9
3. He will take some vacation time in Exeter (wandering Exmoor & Dartmoor), London (museums & churches) and finally Paris (more museums & churches) via the channel tunnel. He will return to St. Bede's on Sunday, July 16.

JULY LESSONS

SUNDAYS

July 2 (4 Pent./Pr. 8): (AH) 2 Samuel 1.1,17-27; Ps. 130; 2 Corinthians 8.7-15; Mark 5.21-43
July 9 (5 Pent./Pr. 9): (AH) 2 Samuel 5.1-5,9-10; Ps. 48; 2 Corinthians 12.2-10; Mark 6.1-13
July 16 (6 Pentecost/Pr. 10): (JN) 2 Samuel 6.1-5,12b-19; Ps. 24; Ephesians 1.3-14; Mark 6.14-29
July 23 (7 Pent./Pr. 11): (JN) 2 Samuel 7.1-14a; Ps. 89.20-37; Ephesians 2.11-22; Mark 6.30-34,53-56
July 30 (8 Pent./Pr. 12): (JN) 2 Samuel 11.1-15; Ps. 14; Ephesians 3.14-21; John 6.1-21

WEEKDAYS

7/5 (Independence Day, tr.): (AH) Deuteronomy 10.17-21; Ps. 145.1-9; Hebrews 11.8-16; Matthew 5.43-48
7/12 — EP: (MO) Hosea 10.1-3,7-8,12; Ps. 105.1-7; Matthew 10.1-7
7/19 (Mary Magdalene, tr.): (AG) Judith 9.1,11-14; Ps. 42.1-7; 2 Cor. 5.14-18; John 20.11-18
7/26 (St. James, tr.): (JN) Jeremiah 45.1-5; Ps. 7.1-10; Acts 11.27-12.3; Matthew 20.20-28

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Hear Sunday's Sermon!

SERVICES & CLASSES

SUNDAYS: 8 am, Holy Eucharist (no music)
10 am, Church School & Nursery
10 am, Holy Eucharist (w/choir)
6 pm, Evensong or Evening Prayer

TUESDAYS 10 am, Morning Prayer & Bible Study

WEDNESDAYS: 7 pm, Holy Eucharist & Healing
7:45 pm, Adult Class

TUESDAY BREAKFAST & BIBLE
— does not meet in June or July —

WEDNESDAY EVENING FORUM:
Book Study: Mysteries of Faith
07/12—Ch. 4, Revelation
07/26 — Ch. 5, Incarnation

ST. BEDE'S
VESTRY & STAFF

RECTOR: The Very Rev. Canon James Newman

ASSOCIATE: The Rev. Argola Haynes

ASSISTING CLERGY:

the Rev. Giles Asbury, the Rev John Hancock

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Frank Basile

FACILITIES MANAGER: Tom Ledsam

VESTRY

Annette Graw ('07) — Senior Warden

Jerry Hornof ('08) — Junior Warden

Joelle Underwood — Clerk

Paul Thompson—Treasurer

Mike Olsen — Assistant Treasurer

Jennine Townsend — Financial Secretary

Michael Gallagher ('07) Kathy Hartley ('07)

Ricky Lewis, Jr. ('08) Liz Mohler ('08)

Phyllis Morrison ('07) Alice Short ('08)

Reed Wilson ('08)

DELEGATES/ALTERNATES TO CONVENTION

Kyle Ferstead (D)/Annette Graw (A) - ('07)

Frank Basile (D)/Michael Mullins (A) - ('08)