

THE QUILL

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CANON NEWMAN TO LEAD HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE AT END OF 2006

Join Canon Jim Newman & Fr. Dean Farrar (Rector, St. Francis, Palos Verdes Estates) on an eleven-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.

"I am delighted to lead this pilgrimage to the land we call Holy", said Canon Newman. "Ten years ago, we made an 8-day pilgrimage which cost just under \$235/day. A decade later, we are able to participate in this 11-day pilgrimage for just \$20/day increase. This time we will spend two days/one night in Jordan visiting the ancient and hidden city of Petra."

The itinerary is as follows (accommodations in bold face):

Days 1/2: *Travel to Israel and acclimate to the 10 hr. time difference in **Tel Aviv***

Day 3: *Tel Aviv/Caesarea/Megiddo/Haiifa/Mt. Carmel/Nazareth/ **Tiberias (3,4)***

Day 4: *Sea of Galilee/ Capernaum/ Tagbba/Mt. of Beatitudes/Hazur*

Day 5: *Sheikh Hussein Bridge/ **Petra***

Day 6: *Madaba, Mt. Nebo/Jordan Valley/Allenby Bridge/ **Jerusalem (6,7,8,9)***

Day 7: *Pool of Bethesda/Western Wall/Pool of Siloam/Via Dolorosa/Holy Sepulchre/*

Day 8: *Mt. Of Olives/Gethsemane/Mt. Zion/Bethlehem*

Day 9: *free day in Jerusalem*

Day 10: *Bethany/Jericho/Dead Sea/Qumran/Masada/ dinner in Jerusalem*

Day 11: *Departure just after midnight & return to Los Angeles.*

The trip will depart LAX on Dec. 30, 2006; cost \$2,798. For more information contact the Church office.

SPACE IS LIMITED—SIGN UP NOW w/\$300 DEPOSIT

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THIS MONTH

Rector's Column

Michael's path

Preparing for

Tomorrow

May Birthdays &

Anniversaries

St. Mary's Bazaar

NYA Garden Tour

CANON JIM'S JOTTINGS

Dear Friends in Christ:

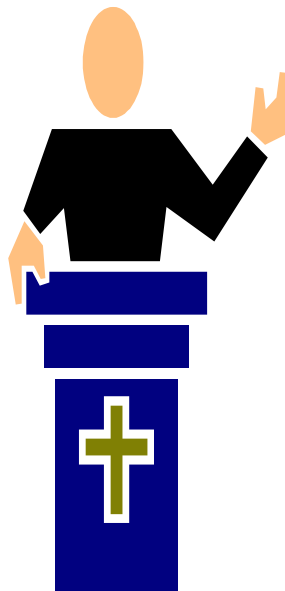
Elsewhere in the Quill, Michael Gallagher writes to us about his ongoing process of discernment. For a while, he has been in the process of discerning a vocation in the ordained ministry ... something which began while he was still a member of another parish, indeed something which he considered while a member of the Roman Church.

Now, the Holy Spirit has led Michael to another path. That is precisely what discernment is all about. The Holy Spirit is doing what the Holy Spirit does.

However, all of us should be constantly seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit. What are our gifts? How should we use those gifts? What does the Church need? What does the community around me need? These are NEVER settled questions.

Part of our Parish discernment will be involvement with a program called Natural Church Development (NCD). Over the next year or so, we will be evaluating St. Bede's. Where are we strong? Where do we need to re-tool our resources? What needs work?

The Vestry began to work on these questions a couple of years ago, but we foundered in the choppy waters of creat-



ing an instrument to answer these questions.

The Diocese has been working with the developers of NCD in various congregations for several years. Last fall, Susan Funk, Liz Mohler, Hunter & I attended a workshop at the Cathedral Center. After presenting our report to the Vestry, they accepted the idea of using this tool to take the measure of the parish.

After Easter, we will be communicating with the parish about this program. The first step will involve some parishioners taking a survey about parish life. I say "SOME" as it is to be a selected cross-section of the congregation, not the whole congregation. In time, however, everyone will have the opportunity to join in this process. We need the input of every member to make this successful.

We are a people of the Resurrection, so this is a good time to look at how the Spirit — loosed upon God's people after Jesus' death, resurrection & ascension — is working in our midst. May God be with us all as we discern the movement of the Spirit!!

In Christ,

Jim Newman+

VITAL STATISTICS

Visitors:

James Jones, Susan Tureen, Tamara Usman, James Perry, Julia Murry, Mary Turella, Susan Baas, Clay & Judith Neilson

Please Pray for:

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

BAPTISMS

Celeste Anne Brigitte Triqueneaux	04/16
Nathaniel Walter Neilson	04/16

May Birthdays:

05/10	Joe Hartley
05/10	Seth Neilson
05/10	Kelly Robertson
05/10	Jeannette Young
05/11	Anjali Schultz
05/13	Jeff Kloss
05/17	Jerry Hornof
05/18	Roger Jayne
05/23	Wesley Hartley
05/24	Argola Haynes

May Anniversaries:

05/04	Andrew & Pammela Jackson
05/12	Kyle Ferstead & Kelly Robertson
05/21	Mike & Sandy Olsen

VARIOUS MINISTRIES NEEDED

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

PREPARING FOR TOMORROW

We are all aging. We have loved ones who are aging. We have friends who are aging. How do we face the various challenges & opportunities both in our growth & development and as we perceive our various ministries within the Body of Christ? The title of this series is **"Planning for Tomorrow"**.

5/6: *From Aging to Sage-ing, Pt. 2* (Fr. Ron Erlandson);
 5/7 @ 9 a.m. (Rector's Forum): *Life Income Gifts*
 (Ben Harrington);
 5/20: *Funeral Issues* (Bill Hawkins & Jim Newman)

NYA HOSTS

VENICE GARDEN/HOME TOUR

This annual event is a wonderful family event or simply a way to see hidden parts of your neighborhood. Tickets are \$60 in advance or \$70 at the door. Event begins at the Las Doradas Children's Center (NYA), 804 Broadway Ave. Check in between 10 a.m. & 2 pm (homes/gardens are open until 5 p.m.).

ST. MARY'S PARISH BAZAAR

St. Mary's, our Japanese-American congregation located at 961 S. Mariposa (in Koreatown) holds their wonderful annual parish Bazaar on Saturday, May 20, 11 am—8 pm. It is like a county fair & cultural center. Do stop by!!!

... FROM MICHAEL GALLAGHER

...*And the Journey Continues!*

To the Clergy, Vestry, and St. Bede's Family:

For the past year, you have been praying for Michael, studying for Holy Orders. Thank you for your prayers. My journey towards the Diaconate has been an enriching part of my life. Participating in monthly deacon seminars and attending seminary at E.T.S.C., I have had many wonderful experiences in the last four years.

In the Examination to the Ordination of a deacon, deacons are called to a special ministry of servanthood, directly under your bishop. In the name of Jesus Christ, deacons are to serve *all* people, particularly the poor, the weak, the sick, and the lonely. (I also add, to serve the least, the last, and the lost).

During the last year, I have started having questions of my calling to the Diaconate. Fr. Jim has told me that having questions is part of my continuing discernment process. With much prayer and talks with some members of my St. Bede's family, with my religious brothers at Mount Calvary Monastery (I have been an Associate of the Holy Cross for six years), members of the clergy, my spiritual advisor, my recovery family, and the Gallagher family, I have come to believe that the best way I can serve God, the Church, and the greater community is through the religious life of a Brother.

As I prepare to notify Bishop Talton of my intentions to resign from the diaconate program, I now enter the discernment process, praying for the order or community of Brothers in which God is calling me too. I ask for your continued prayers and support as *my journey continues!*

May God continue to bless us all.

Faithfully yours, *Michael Gallagher*

MAY LESSONS

SUNDAYS

May 7 (Easter 4): (JN)
 Acts 4.5-12; Ps. 23; 1 John 3.16-24; John 10.11-18
May 14 (Easter 5): (JN)
 Acts 8.26-40; Ps. 22.24-30; 1 John 4.7-21; John 15.1-8
May 21 (Easter 6): (JN)
 Acts 10.44-48; Ps. 98; 1 John 5.1-6; John 15.9-17
May 28 (Easter 7): (AH)
 Acts 1.15-17,21-26; Ps. 1; 1 John 5.9-13; John 17.6-19

WEEKDAYS

5/3 (Wed. in Easter 3): (JN)
 Acts 8.1b-8; Ps. 66.1-8; John 6.35-40
5/10 (Wed. in Easter 4): (JN)
 Acts 12.24-13.5a; Ps. 67; John 12.44-50
5/17 (Wed. in Easter 5): (JN)
 Acts 15.1-6; Ps. 122; John 15.1-8
5/24 (Ascension, eve.): (AH)
 Acts 1.1-11; Ps. 47; Ephesians 1.15-23; Luke 24.44-53

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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

02—Jeannette Young & Rita Miller
16—Jim Newman & Roger Jayne
09, 23 & 30: no hosts — Brown Bag (bring something to share)

WEDNESDAY EVENING FORUM:

The New Testament

5/3: 1st Peter & Persecution of Early Christians
5/10: The Book of Revelation
5/17: Do We Have the Original New Testament?
5/24: New Testament: The Book of Hebrews
5/31: Book Study: Mysteries of Faith

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5/6 @ 10 am: Age-ing to Sage-ing, Pt. 2 (Fr. Ron Erlandson)
5/7 @ 9 am: Life Income Gifts (Ben Harrington)
5/20 @ 10 am: Burial Plans/Funerals
(B. Hawkins, Fr. Newman)

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

— ('08) Michael Gallagher ('07)

Kathy Hartley ('07) Ricky Lewis, Jr. ('08)

Liz Mohler ('08) Phyllis Morrison ('07)

Reed Wilson ('08)

DELEGATES/ALTERNATES TO CONVENTION

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

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