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Annual Thanksgiving offering helps build ministry in Honduras

The focus ministry of this year's Annual Honduras Thanksgiving Offering is the parish of Cristo Redentor (Christ the Redeemer) located in an urban neighborhood of Tegucigalpa, the national capital.

The neighborhood is middle class by Honduran standards which means most people have jobs and access to electricity and water.

Like many urban centers in our own Central Florida, the area is effectively unchurched, although most people would claim some sort of religious identity.

Christ the Redeemer would have a comfortable feel to anyone who worships in a warm and caring parish family. Although the sermon and service is in Spanish, most Central Floridians would feel comfortable in this worship setting with their brothers and sisters in Christ.

Christ the Redeemer's parishioners take part in Cursillo, Daughters of the King, retreats, have an active youth and children's ministry and enjoy the same sort of parish fellowship that we experience here.

Evangelism is the order of the day, but that doesn't mean loudspeakers and handing out tracks. A starting point was that there was no neighborhood playground, so one was built out of found and recycled materials on the church property. Evangelism means meeting a real need of the community for childcare. Their belief is that a Daycare Center will draw families to their parish and to Christ.

The difference is one of assets.

The people of Cristo Redentor have focus, vision and drive—assets missing in many North American parishes. We have an asset that is missing in Honduras—financial capability.

The parish church building of Cristo Redentor is an example of how everything is used and reused in Honduras. The concrete block building that once served as a warehouse is being transformed into a sanctuary, classrooms, a nursery and offices.

The folks at Christ the Redeemer want to develop a childcare center that will create a Kingdom environment, contribute to the well-being of neighborhood children, be an outreach to their neighborhood and an important source of funding in order for them to grow from mission to parish status.

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Left, Christ the Redeemer (Cristo Redentor). Below right, Connie Sanchez the rector, with an acolyte. Bottom left, group prayer at the church.



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A Thanksgiving Reminder

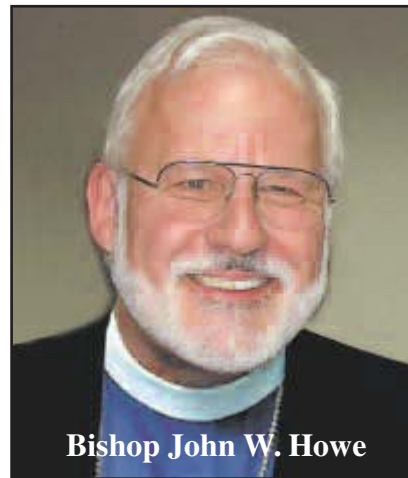
Dear Diocesan Family,

The Kingdom of God has flourished during our 37 years of companion relationship with the Diocese of Honduras.

Churches and individual parishioners in our diocese have been involved through the sending of various brigades and mission teams to serve on particular projects, and today we have nine parish-to-parish partnerships in our diocese and mission churches in Honduras.

Historically each year, churches in our diocese are asked to earmark their Thanksgiving Offering to be used for mission in our companion diocese. This gives those who are not able to travel to Honduras the opportunity to provide resources for special projects that go beyond the scope of partnerships and brigades.

In years past, the funds collected on Thanksgiving throughout the diocese have been used to help with construction of Christ the King in Danli, Church of the Nativity in Villa San Francisco, Christ the Redeemer, and dormitories at El Hogar Children's Home, both in Tegucigalpa. These vital projects and others could not have



Bishop John W. Howe

been completed without the generosity of the members of congregations in Central Florida.

This year the Honduras Commission has chosen to benefit Christ the Redeemer, Tegucigalpa, in the creation of a day care center to serve the surrounding community and help the parish to become self-sustaining.

We have the opportunity to demonstrate our thankfulness to God for all he has provided

by sharing his blessing and provision for us with our dear friends in our companion diocese.

I ask that when you gather with family and friends to celebrate and give thanks to God for the many blessings he has bestowed upon you that you remember Honduras.

Please know that I give thanks for every one of you.

Warmest regards in our Lord,

+ *John*

Bishop Howe's Visitations, 1st Quarter 2011

JANUARY

9 DeLand, Holy Presence
16 Dunnellon, Holy Faith
23 Melbourne, Holy Trinity
30 Lake Placid, St. Francis

FEBRUARY

6 Lakeland, Christ the King
13 Orlando, Emmanuel
20 Clermont, St. Matthias
27 Crystal River, St. Anne's

MARCH

6 Orlando, Holy Family
13 Belleview, St. Mary's
20 Wauchula, St. Ann's

APRIL

3 Vero Beach, St. Augustine
10 Daytona Beach, St. Mary
17 Winter Haven, Holy Cross
24 Easter – Cathedral

AROUND THE DIOCESE

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A little investment in a poor country can go a long way. After Haiti, Honduras is arguably the second poorest country in Central America, and the Caribbean.

Your contribution to the Annual Honduras Thanksgiving Offering will impact dozens, then hundreds of people who have a vague religious background, but no real, personal and intimate knowledge of Jesus Christ.

What amounts to Coca Cola change for a month to us North Americans can be multiplied many times over and become an agent of change for the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Honduras.

Build a Christian Daycare Center. Help create self-sustaining ministry in Honduras. Make out a check to the Diocese of Central Florida, with the notation "Annual Honduras Thanksgiving Offering" and send it to the Diocese of Central Florida, 1017 E. Robinson St., Orlando, FL 32801.



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St. Luke's, Merritt Island Annual Holiday Fair

Saturday, November 13, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Come one – come all to the annual St. Luke's Episcopal Church Holiday Fair located at 5555 N. Tropical Trail. The fair offers something for everyone and all proceeds go the Central Brevard Sharing Center.

This year the event will be held on Saturday, November 13 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.). Booths will feature plants, toys, books, crafts, attic treasures, and a raffle on a patriotic theme quilt made by members of St. Luke's church. Children's entertainment includes a paintball range, train ride, and face painting. A lunch prepared by church members will feature delicious homemade soups, as well as hot dogs, hamburgers and the trimmings.

Canterbury

The adventure continues



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Canterbury Retreat & Conference Center



Canterbury programs increase local, national appeal

Diocesan enthusiasm is building for fresh programming and purpose at Canterbury Retreat and Conference Center.

Since taking the helm as executive director a year ago, the Rev. Jon Davis has built support by diocesan clergy and groups, and has expanded the reach of the conference to include some national programs.

One of the major additions to Canterbury is the partnership with Church of the Incarnation, Oviedo, where Fr. Davis is vicar.

Incarnation moved its ministry and operation to the Canterbury campus on January 3.

Fr. Davis likened the partnership to a marriage.

“We have two separate entities joining together in a covenant relationship, with each maintaining its own identity but becoming one in a common life,” he said. “It’s a covenantal union whereby both are better,

stronger and successful.”

“As I consider this new calling and understand the mission of Canterbury in our diocese, I would define it as the place where the Church gathers to grow in our love and knowledge of Christ,” he said.

The congregation is already contributing to the “marriage,” with Incarnation members putting in hours of “sweat equity,” renovating church grounds, as well as sharing classroom, worship, office and fellowship space. Canterbury and Incarnation share a common mission: to advance the Kingdom of God in this world; to live into The Great Commandment (love God and love each other) and The Great Commission (go into all the world making disciples...).

What makes Canterbury unique is that “our ministry is one of

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Sanctuary,” Fr. Davis said. “We provide a place on hallowed ground where people can encounter Almighty God. In a world that often beats us down and wears us out Canterbury brings a sacred space where you can hit the pause button, take a breath and as the psalmist would say... A place where you can Be Still and know that He is God (Psalm 46:11).”

Fr. Davis and his staff have had a busy 2010.

One of his first tasks was to help the staff embrace a servanthood model for Canterbury.

Of great help is the presence of the Rev. Robin Morical, a 2008 Nashota House graduate who has taken the position of assistant at Incarnation as well as a great asset to Canterbury.

The entire staff has risen to the task at hand, Fr. Davis said.

“We just hosted the Diocesan Clergy Conference and I could not be more proud of the service the Canterbury staff rendered,” he said. “And the guests enthusiastically and publicly honored, congratulated and thanked the staff for for what they did.”

“The other value we have embraced is excellence – paying attention to details and caring for and providing the best we can with what we have,” Fr. Davis said.

Canterbury accomplishes the “advancement of the Kingdom” through a “ministry of hospitality”:

- ❑ Serving guests with kindness, compassion and love
- ❑ Being a center for spiritual growth / revitalization
- ❑ Crafting conferences, events and programs
- ❑ Encouraging and supporting people in their journey of faith; in their relationship with Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit;



and by being a sanctuary and refuge in a chaotic world.

The center is focusing on three main areas:

- ❑ Retreats, Conferences and Events -- Serving the Diocese of Central Florida as the destination for diocesan and church retreats and conferences; training and equipping people for the work of the church; Offering high quality events – focused on helping people and churches grow in their faith and calling Spiritual Retreats (deepening faith and spiritual growth). Also on the calendar are an Advent Retreat; “First Fridays” gatherings for fellowship and prayer; a Men’s Retreat in February 2011; Bishop’s Lenten Retreat in March 2011; a Women’s Retreat in April 2011.

- ❑ Serving others as a gathering place for denominations, church organizations and seminaries;

Schools and Theological Education. Arrangements are being made for Canterbury to serve as a satellite campus for other institutions and to establish an Anglican Studies program and center for Central Florida. A deal has been signed for a doctorate in ministry program to be established at Canterbury, led by Dr. Carla Waterman, a well-regarded author and professor at Northern Seminary, Lombard, Ill, near Chicago.

- ❑ Serving “secular” groups, sharing with them the gifts of Christian hospitality. These events include weekly Rotary meetings, which are already a Canterbury tradition, plus picnics and other community gatherings.

The future of Canterbury includes a restoration of our existing assets, a welcome center, a renovation and expansion of the Folwell Building, and the addition

of more lodging space.

The Hermitage at Canterbury

A planned hermitage will be a place where prayers will be offered daily for the Diocese, the Bishop, the churches and clergy.

“The hermitage will be a place of healing, a place of reflection, a place of spiritual direction and discipleship and a place for community,” Fr. Davis said.

The transformation won’t happen overnight, Fr. Davis said.

“This is a 15-20 year plan for development,” he said, adding that Canterbury needs to operate in a self-sustaining business model and constantly seek new business and attract people to use Canterbury for its intended purposes.

Canterbury Retreat & Conference Center

The exteriors of building have been renovated and are near 90% completion with new roofs and facia, repaired concrete walkways, fresh paint, a new fence and more. This year we have spent nearly \$180,000.00 on these repairs with proceeds coming with pulling cash from equity in a new mortgage. We really had no option as in March after several days of rain we had seven leaks in the Folwell building alone. These repairs are bringing back Canterbury's beauty and restoring its sense of "Sanctuary" and that is why we initiated the Sanctuary Campaign. We hope through contributions to the Sanctuary Campaign we can raise funds to reduce our mortgage and finish the needed repairs inside and out. In 2011 we hope to complete the exteriors and the interiors - giving our assets the needed facelift. There are lots of ways for churches and individuals to participate - you can renovate a room or a meeting space, come and work with us in the effort to maintain the treasure that Canterbury is to the diocese. Feel free to contact Canterbury for more information.

You can read more about these changes on Canterbury's website: www.canterburyretreat.org or on Incarnation's Web site, www.incarnationviedo.com.

The new sanctuary features the latest in audio-visual equipment.



Diocese of Central Florida

Advent Retreat

November 19-20, 2010

Canterbury Retreat and Conference Center

Christ, Culture and Kingdom

Featuring Bishop Alden Hathaway



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For more information contact...

SCHEDULE

Friday, November 19

4pm - Arrival and Check in begins

6pm - Dinner

7pm - Session 1 with Bp. Hathaway

9pm - Compline followed by Fellowship

Saturday, November 20

7:45am - Morning Prayer

8am - Breakfast

9am - Session 2 with Bishop Hathaway

10:15 - Break

10:30 - Directed Quiet Time

11:00am - Session 3 with Bishop Hathaway

12:15pm - Lunch

1:30pm - Session 4 with Bishop Hathaway

3pm - Closing Worship



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Bishop's Christmas Party Open House

The Right Rev. John W. Howe invites you to glimpse a bit of Christmas in this season of Advent

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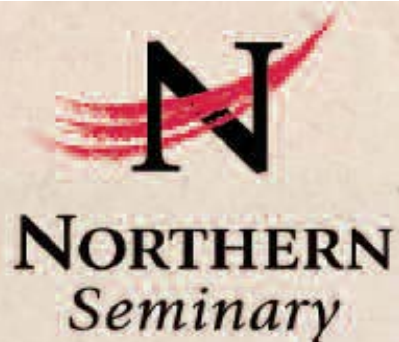
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Canterbury Retreat & Conference Center

A Prayer for Canterbury...

Almighty God, bless Canterbury Retreat & Conference Center; make it a lively center for sound learning & in the course of this busy life, a place of spiritual renewal, refreshment & peace. Give wisdom to the Board & Staff; to make wise decisions, to be good stewards of all resources. Lead us we pray to strength & stability. Inspire us by your Holy Spirit with a vision for greater mission & effectiveness for the expansion of your Kingdom in this diocese & beyond; that people would come to know you as Lord & Savior; grow in their knowledge of you by the work done here. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ who modeled for us the need for retreat to be strengthened & renewed. Amen.



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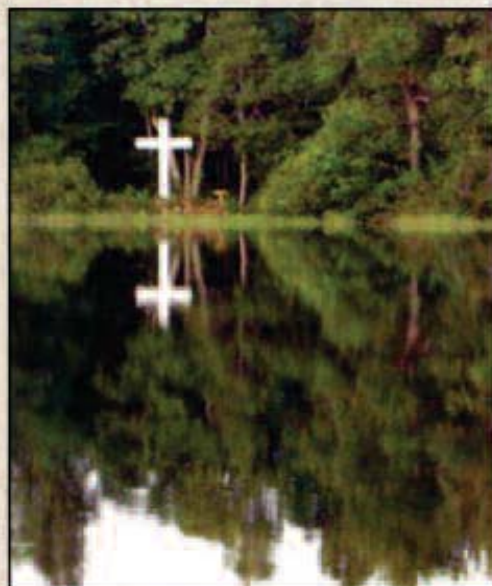
Offered in partnership with the Canterbury Retreat Center, this program centers on the phrase, “until Christ is formed in you.” It enables leaders to dive deeply into their personal faith formation and then looks at how to practically engage others in that process. Students can further focus their studies on anything from worship to pastoral care and counseling.

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Program Breakdown:

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Thesis and Assessment

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Personal and Career Assessment 4 hours

Courses at Canterbury

Becoming Doctors of the Church 3 hours
Baptized Beginning 4 hours
Baptized Belonging 4 hours
Care and Cure of the Baptized 4 hours
Baptized into Trinitarian Ministry 4 hours

Canterbury Retreat & Conference Center

Canterbury's mission is to be a resource for the Diocese of Central Florida, the Church and the wider community, to celebrate the Great Commandment and the Great Commission and to take Central Florida for Christ!



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THANK YOU

ICS Workshop: Mary in the Anglican Tradition

Since the inception of the Church, the place of the Virgin Mary in Church doctrine has been a controversial subject. In post-reformation Protestantism, a doctrine of the Virgin Mary has largely been neglected or considered "too catholic" to fit within reformation confessions and thinking.

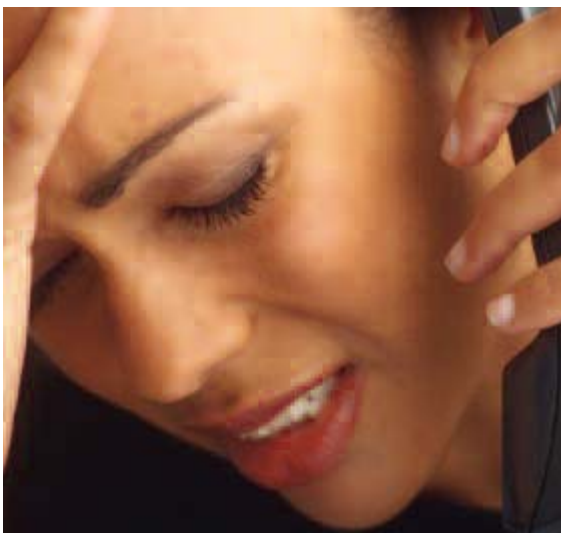
Yet orthodox Anglicanism attempts to mediate between the excesses of both Roman Catholicism and Protestantism, and to recapture the faith once held in common by the early Church. This workshop focuses on the doctrine of the Virgin Mary as held by the Anglican tradition. We will explore the biblical basis for the doctrine, an historical survey of the doctrine, and current Anglican pronouncements and ecumenical agreements concerning the Virgin Mary, her place in the Church and in the economy of salvation.

What a wonderful opportunity for an Advent Retreat for your Bible Study group, Altar Guild, Daughters of the King, Moms Group or friends who enjoy enhancing their Advent preparations for Christmas!

Make plans now to join ICS for this wonderful workshop! The workshop will be held Saturday, December 4th at All Saints Church in Winter Park. The cost is \$35.00 and lunch may be ordered for an additional \$8.00 or you may bring your own lunch. The day begins at 8:30 with Eucharist and ends at 3:30 with Evening Prayer. To register, please contact the Dean, Kristi Alday at therev@interlachen.net or 407-423-3567.

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Pinwheels at St. John the Baptist

On a recent Sunday, the Sunday School of The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist, Orlando, invited parishioners to join them to celebrate "International Pinwheels for Peace" Day.

This activity was part of a global observance which was held on September 21, 2010. Pinwheels for Peace is a project that originated in Florida and was launched to help students remind us of the peace we need around the world and in our lives.

To celebrate this day, pinwheels are planted on lawns, roads, and highways around the world. Last year, in the fourth year of the project,

over 3 million pinwheels were spinning in over 3,000 locations, including the United States, Europe, Asia, Australia, Canada, the Middle East, Africa, and South America.

This year, the St. John Sunday School joined the global effort. In support of an international call for peace, students created pinwheels which have been placed at the entrance of the church.

It is their hope that we all will continue to help spread thoughts and feelings about peace in our church communities and in the world. Please take a moment to continue to pray with us anytime you see pinwheels spin in the wind throughout the year.



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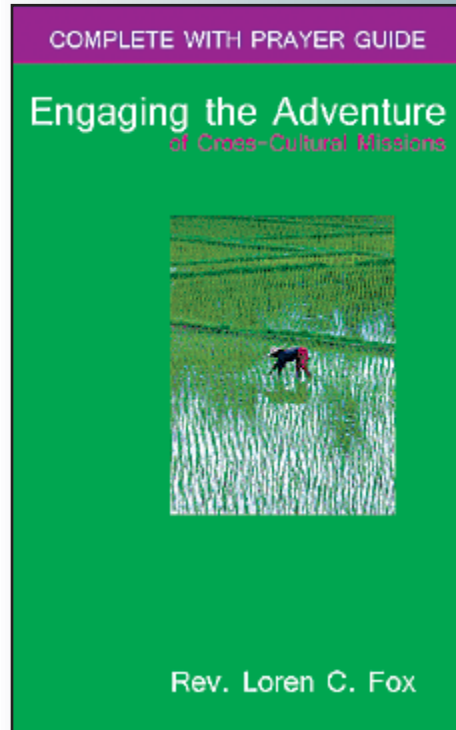
Engaging the Adventure of Cross-Cultural Missions, Complete with Prayer Guide

The Rev. Loren Fox, rector of Church of Our Savior, Palm Bay, has drawn upon his years as a missionary to Singapore, as well as experience in planning short-term mission trips by U.S. congregations, to write a book designed to help others do missions.

How to Order

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- Renewing a friendship with God
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- Eating great food and playing sports
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- Listening to talks on building relationships and your faith
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Open to all men (and friends) in the Episcopal Diocese of Central Florida

The retreat will take place at Camp Wingmann near Avon Park. Accommodations include modern cabins with bunk beds, showers and air conditioning.

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