

Diocese of Central Florida
Leadership News Items for the Month of March, 2008

From the Bishop's Office

NORTHWEST DEANERY CLERICUS with Bishop Howe is Thursday, March 6 from 10 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at St. George Episcopal Church, 1250 Paige Place, The Villages. Please call the church at 352-750-1010 to reserve a lunch. This meeting is for priests and deacons only.

Art Show and Sale – the Works of The Reverend Richard Bowman

The Art Show/Sale of the works of Father Richard Bowman who was a priest, counselor and friend to many Episcopalians in this Diocese, has been extended through March 16 at Canterbury Retreat and Conference Center. Cathedral Arts, a Guild of the Cathedral Church of St Luke, is hosting the exhibit. There will be a closing event on Sunday, March 16 from 1:00 – 4:00 P.M. Come out and enjoy the fellowship, refreshments and some really good art! Sixty paintings, all landscapes by Father Bowman, are hung in the lobby, lounge and dining areas of Canterbury. Sixteen of the paintings are on loan from the owners. Twenty-seven of the remaining pieces are for sale. For more information please contact Ellen Smith at 407-898-4425 or by e-mail ellenmsmith@aol.com. Ellen is head of Cathedral Arts, an experienced artist, and knew Father Bowman very well.

From the Archdeacon

Annual Reports from deacons

Deacons are required to submit an Annual Report to Bishop Howe, due by May 1 each year. These reports will be distributed at Convention, and mailed to the rest of the deacons. Please complete your report and send it to me here at Diocesan House as soon as you can. Thanks so much!

Deacon and Spouse Retreat

Now is the time to sign up for the next retreat. The retreat will take place at Canterbury Retreat and Conference Center, **April 25-27, 2008**. Our leader, with the assistance of our own deacon Bob Green, will be **Keith Miller**; he has written a number of books, including *The Taste of New Wine*, *A Hunger for Healing*, and *What to Do With the Rest of Your Life: Awakening and Achieving Your Unspoken Dreams*, among others. Do save these dates and plan to attend. We have a wonderful group of deacons here in our diocese, and we are enriched and our ministries strengthened when we take time away, in community.

Pastoral Care and Ministry Workshops

ICS for many years has offered terrific opportunities to learn more about various issues and concerns that we or the people we would serve face, often on a daily basis. The next workshops are:

April 5 ***Pastoral Care and Ministry: Ministry With Adolescents in the
Midst of Great Need***

Led by Eric Moulton, Diocesan Youth Officer

NOTE: Anyone involved in pastoral care or interested in the subject matter is welcome to attend!

Other classes and workshops:

March 1 ***The Episcopal Church in the U.S.***
 The Rev. Timothy Nunez
John, Apostle and Writer
 The Rev. Guy Galfo, Deacon
WORKSHOP: Parish Health Ministry II (Parish Assessment)

- March 8 Parish Health Ministry Team
Lay Eucharistic Visitor/Lay Eucharistic Minister
(To be held at St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church, DeLand)
The Rev. Lin Kromhout, Deacon
- March 15 **WORKSHOP: Parish Health Ministry III (Program Development)**
Parish Health Ministry Team
- April 5 **The Beliefs of the Church I**
The Rev. Dr. John Jacobs
General Letters of to the Early Churches
The Rev. Don Curran
**Pastoral Care and Ministry III: Ministry with Youth
(Supporting Adolescents in the Midst of Great Need)**
Diocesan Youth Ministry Team
- April 9 **Quiet Day for Parish Secretaries and Other Staff**
(To be held at Canterbury Retreat and Conference Center)
Offered in collaboration with Canterbury

Clergy Days – April 29 and May 6

The Reverend Dr. Christopher Seitz (Anglican Communion Institute; Wycliffe College, Toronto; published author, brother of our own Tom Seitz) will be in the Central Florida area for the week of April 27th as part of the Cathedral Speakers' Series. **Mark your calendars for the clergy day he will lead on Tuesday, April 29th from 10 AM and 3 PM. The tentative topic is prophetic literature of Holy Scripture; the location is to be decided.** The cost for the day, including lunch, is \$25. To register call/email Marilyn Lang at (407) 423-3567 / dcfmarilyn@aol.com

This is intended to be trans-denominational and ecumenical, so please invite other clergy in your neighborhood.

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Clergy Day with Baroness Caroline Cox

Tuesday, May 6th, 2008 - 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The Canterbury Retreat Center

Cost - \$25.00 (includes lunch)

To register call/email Marilyn Lang at (407) 423-3567 / dcfmarilyn@aol.com

“As a deputy speaker of the House of Lords, Lady Cox frequently sits on the ‘woolsack,’ the speaker’s chair, presiding over debates in the British Parliament’s Upper House. But she is no conventional parliamentarian. With a jail sentence passed in Sudan, which she jokes she is serving ‘in absentia,’ and a price on her head in Azerbaijan amounting to millions (‘Rubles or dollars, I am not sure,’ she laughs), she is a courageous campaigner for human rights and a champion of the persecuted Church.”

“Moving illegally across borders, to see firsthand ‘man’s inhumanity to man,’ has become Lady Cox’s life business, making her advocacy that much more effective. For decades Caroline Cox has been working amongst the persecuted Church, delivering medicines to the dying and maimed and buying back children who had been commandeered as slaves. She was helping those who, in her words, ‘are bereft of aid and advocacy; who are among the most isolated, outcast, and deprived in the world.’ The ones who told her, ‘We thought the world had forgotten us.’”

“As the years have gone by, her travels around the world have become increasingly dangerous. But eager to dispel any image of heroism, Lady Cox, recipient of the 1995 Wilberforce Award, which recognizes ‘an individual who has made a difference in the face of formidable societal problems and injustices,’ admits to having a ‘fit of faithless, fearful dread’ before going on her dangerous missions. ‘I don’t want to go. Home is very comfortable, with clean water, electric light, warmth, clean clothes. To wrench yourself away and go voluntarily into a conflict zone, you recoil against it. I don’t particularly want to go and get my guts blown out. I don’t really want to go and get malaria.’ But, she adds, she goes because she knows that ‘I will come back receiving more than I have ever been able to give.’ And she finds courage in a verse she was given at her Anglican confirmation: ‘Have I not commanded you to be strong, of good courage, be not afraid, neither be dismayed for I, the Lord your God, am with you wherever you may go’ (Josh. 1:9).”

“She is motivated by a number of factors. Theologically, St. Paul’s letter to the church in Corinth, where he writes that when one part of the Body of Christ suffers, we all suffer, is her primary inspiration. But there is also a political motivation. Lady Cox has a deep concern about the threats to Christianity in the world today, particularly the growing militant Islamism, which is, she believes, a ‘real threat to our spiritual and cultural heritage.’ The threat from militant extremist Islam is typified not only by the rise of al-Qaeda terrorists but by evidence she has witnessed in Sudan, Nigeria, and Indonesia. In all three places, there is jihad taking place against Christians and moderate Muslims, and efforts are being made to introduce Sharia law. ‘That is really a death knell for Christianity,’ she argues. The international community needs to ‘wake up’ and think about an intelligent ‘moral, Christian, strategic response’ to these threats. ‘Christians out there trying to hold a frontline of faith for freedom to practice Christianity often feel very beleaguered, very unsupported, and very vulnerable.’”

“I sometimes think there’s been such preoccupation with issues at home that people have failed to look out,’ she says. ‘And in doing so have denied themselves an incredible spiritual resource—the testimony of the living faith and the joy of the persecuted church.’ She believes the persecuted church is going to be the ‘spiritual salvation’ of the West, in its secularism and materialism. ‘The persecuted are at the core of the ultimate spiritual experience. They are enduring their Gethsemane. They have found a faith stripped of all the distraction of this world and have found God with them.’”

Compiled from articles by Benedict Rogers in Crisis Magazine

<http://www.crisismagazine.com/february2004/rogers.htm> and by Wendy Murray Zoba in Christianity Today
<http://www.christianitytoday.com/tc/8r1/8r1075.html>

Journal Updates ~ March 2008

Priests:

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Letters Dimissory to Province of Rwanda
2-4-08

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2-4-08

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Nyhan, John

Letters Dimissory to Province of Rwanda
2-4-08

Raehn, Sid
New Address:
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Rowe, Herbert
Moved to St. Petersburg

Turner, Russell W., Deceased 2-08-08

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Dixon, Calvert
Letters Dimissory to Province of Rwanda
2-4-08

Green, Robert
Letters Dimissory to Province of Rwanda
2-4-08

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Address: 821 Lake Port Square #401-A
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Hague, Anne
Letters Dimissory to Province of Rwanda
2-4-08

Hall, Michael "Mike"
Letters Dimissory received from North Dakota
Deacon, Shepherd of the Hills, Lecanto

Johnson, Shirley
Letters Dimissory to Province of Rwanda
2-4-08

Liebert-Hall, Linda
Letters Dimissory received from North Dakota
Deacon, Shepherd of the Hills, Lecanto

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2-11-08

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Bishop Howe's Visitation Schedule, March 2008-December 2010

2008

MARCH	2 Orange City, St. Jude's 16 Maitland, Good Shepherd 23 Easter - Cathedral 30 St. Cloud, St. Luke & St. Peter
APRIL	6 Lake Wales, Good Shepherd 13 Melbourne, Holy Trinity 20 Dunnellon, Holy Faith 27 DeLand, Holy Presence
MAY	4 Winter Park, All Saints 11 Inverness, St. Margaret's 18 Enterprise, All Saints 25 Crystal River, St. Anne's
JUNE	1 Mount Dora, St. Edward's 8 Orlando, St. Matthew's 15 Titusville, St. Gabriel's 22 Oviedo, Church of the Incarnation 29 Bartow, Holy Trinity
SEPTEMBER	7 Ascension, Orlando 14 Ocala, Grace 21 Ft. Meade, Christ Church 28 Kissimmee, St. John's
OCTOBER	5 New Smyrna Beach, St. Peter the Fisherman 12 The Villages, St. George 19 Winter Haven, St. Paul's 26 Sebring, St. Agnes
NOVEMBER	2 Vero Beach, Trinity 9 Orlando, St. Michael's 16 Orlando, Christ the King 23 Cocoa Beach, St. David's 30 Winter Park, St. Richard's
DECEMBER	7 Satellite Beach, Holy Apostles 14 Lakeland, All Saints' 21 Cocoa, St. Mark's

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JANUARY	4 Lakeland, Christ the King 11 Orlando, Emmanuel 18 Clermont, St. Matthias 25 Convention
FEBRUARY	1 Crystal River, St. Anne's 8 Orlando, Holy Family 15 Belleview, St. Mary's 22 Wauchula, St. Ann's

MARCH	1 Sanford, Holy Cross 8 Vero. Beach, St. Augustine 22 DeLand, St. Barnabas 29 Daytona Beach, St. Mary's
APRIL	5 Ormond Beach, St. James 12 Easter - Cathedral 19 Winter Haven, Holy Cross 26 Longwood, Christ Church
MAY	3 Palm Bay, Blessed Redeemer 10 Winter Park, All Saints 17 Longwood, Resurrection 24 Merritt Island, St. Luke's 31 Lakeland, St. Stephen's
JUNE	7 Sebastian, St. Elizabeth 14 Ocala, Coventry 21 Okahumpka, Corpus Christi 28 Melbourne, Hope
SEPTEMBER	13 Leesburg, St. James 20 Daytona Beach, St. Timothy's 27 Auburndale, St. Alban's
OCTOBER	4 Avon Park, Redeemer 11 Orlando, Ascension 18 Port Orange, Grace 25 Eustis, St. Thomas
NOVEMBER	8 Trinity, Vero Beach 15 Lecanto, Shepherd of the Hills 22 Mulberry, St. Luke's 29 Dunnellon, Advent
DECEMBER	6 Ft. Pierce, St. Simon 13 Melbourne, St. John's 20 New Smyrna Beach, St. Paul's 27 Ocala, St. Patrick's

2010

JANUARY	3 Okeechobee, Our Saviour 10 Lakeland, St. David's 17 Orlando, St. Joseph's 24 Convention (?) 31 Melbourne Beach, St. Sebastian
FEBRUARY	7 Orlando, St. John the Baptist 14 Orlando, St. Mary of the Angels 21 Haines City, St. Mark's 28 Ft. Pierce, St. Andrew's
MARCH	7 Port St. Lucie, Nativity 21 Port St. Lucie, Holy Faith 28 Fruitland Park, Holy Trinity

APRIL	4 Easter - Cathedral 11 Apopka, Holy Spirit 18 Ormond Beach, Holy Child 25 Lake Mary, St. Peter's	SEPTEMBER	5 Melbourne, Holy Trinity 19 Dunnellon, Holy Faith 26 DeLand, Holy Presence
MAY	2 Winter Park, All Saints 9 Lake Placid, St. Francis of Assisi 16 Ocala, St. Stephen's 23 The Villages, St. George 30 Palm Bay, Our Savior	OCTOBER	3 Inverness, St. Margaret's 10 Enterprise, All Saints 17 Mount Dora, St. Edward's 24 Orlando, St. Matthew's 31 Titusville, St. Gabriel's
JUNE	6 Winter Garden, Messiah 13 St. Cloud, S. Luke & St. Peter 20 Orange City, St. Jude's 27 Lake Wales, Good Shepherd	NOVEMBER	7 Oviedo, Church of the Incarnation 14 Vero Beach, Trinity 21 Kissimmee, St. John's 28 Ocala, Grace
		DECEMBER	5 Ft. Meade, Christ Church 12 Bartow, Holy Trinity 19 New Smyrna Beach, St. Peter the Fisherman

Bishop Pina-Lopez's Visitation Schedule, March 2008-December 2010

2008

MARCH	23 Easter – Orlando, Holy Family	23 Port St. Lucie, Holy Faith 30 Mulberry, St. Luke's	
APRIL	13 Apopka, El Espiritu Sonta 20 Longwood, Resurrection 27 Deland, St. Barnabas	DECEMBER	7 Ft. Pierce, St. Simon 14 Apopka, Holy Spirit 21 Ocala, St. Patrick's
MAY	4 Vero Beach, St. Augustine 11 Merritt Island, St. Lukes 18 Sebastian, St. Elizabeth's 25 Longwood, Christ Church	2009	
JUNE	1 Daytona Beach, St. Mary's 8 Clermont, St. Matthias 15 Orlando, San Cristobal 22 Dunnellon, Advent 29 Lakeland, St. Stephen's	JANUARY	4 Lakeland, St. David's 11 Melbourne Beach, St. Sebastian's 18 Orlando, St. John the Baptist 25 Convention
SEPTEMBER	7 Melbourne, Hope 14 Daytona Beach, St. Timothy's 21 Leesburg, St. James 28 Lecanto, Shepherd of the Hills	FEBRUARY	1 Orlando, St. Joseph's 8 Ocala, St. Stephen's 15 Winter Garden, Messiah 22 Haines City, St. Mark's
OCTOBER	5 Port Orange, Grace 12 Okeechobee, Our Saviour 19 Avon Park, Redeemer 26 Melbourne, St. John's	MARCH	1 Ft. Pierce, St. Andrew's 8 Port St. Lucie, Nativity 15 Orlando, St. Mary of the Angels 22 Bushnell, St. Francis of Assisi 29 Fruitland Park, Holy Trinity
NOVEMBER	2 Orlando, Santa Maria de Los Angeles 9 New Smyrna Beach, St. Paul's 16 Eustis, St. Thomas	APRIL	5 Ormond Beach, Holy Child 12 Easter – Apopka, El Espiritu Sonta 19 Lake Placid, St. Francis of Assisi 26 Lake Mary, St. Peter's

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 20 Inverness, St. Margaret's
 27 Bartow, Holy Trinity

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 18 Titusville, St. Gabriel's
 25 Orlando, Santa Maria de Los Angeles

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 8 Orlando, St. Matthew's
 15 Incarnation, Oviedo
 22 Ocala, Grace
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DECEMBER 6 Winter Park, St. Richard's
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 21 Belleview, St. Mary's
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 11 Orlando, Santa Maria de Los Angeles
 18 Daytona Beach, St. Mary's
 25 Longwood, Resurrection

MAY 2 Deland, St. Barnabas
 9 Winter Haven, Holy Cross
 16 Sanford, Holy Cross
 23 Vero Beach, St. Augustine
 30 Palm Bay, Blessed Redeemer

JUNE 6 Ormond Beach, St. James
 13 Orlando, Holy Family
 20 Orlando, Emmanuel
 27 Longwood, Christ Church

SEPTEMBER 5 Sebastian, St. Elizabeth's
 12 Lakeland, St. Stephen's
 19 Melbourne, St. John's
 26 Daytona Beach, St. Timothy's

OCTOBER 3 Auburndale, St. Alban's
 10 Merritt Island, St. Luke's
 17 Maitland, Good Shepherd
 24 Avon Park, Redeemer
 31 Ocala, Coventry

NOVEMBER 7 Eustis, St. Thomas
 14 Orlando, Ascension
 21 Okahumpka, Corpus Christi
 28 Longwood, Resurrection

DECEMBER 5 Dunnellon, Advent
 12 Leesburg, St. James
 19 Orlando, San Cristobal