



September 2024 Diocesan Update



By way of DCS

Pictures left to right: 1) Jameson Overton, Ordination to the Presbyterate, Christ Our Hope, Westpoint, Tennessee, meeting in Birmingham, Alabama, July 20, 2024 (+Manto's vestments never arrived!). 2) Confirmation and Reception, St. John's Anglican Church, Birmingham, Alabama, July 21, 2024. 3) Reception of St. Luke's Anglican Church, Maysville, Kentucky, into the DCS, August 18, 2024.

...Notice, (and I thank Bp. NT Wright for this insight): Jesus did not ask who the **Good Samaritan** regarded as neighbor, but **which of the three passersby** proved to be a neighbor to the man in the ditch. *In direct answer to your question asking Me to identify your neighbor, Mr. Lawyer, which of the three proved to be the one you should love as yourself, I hear Jesus ask. "The one who showed mercy," the lawyer replied...* in other words, the Samaritan! And right here is the much deeper understanding Jesus was proposing to the challenging lawyer and to all of us. *The Samaritan is your neighbor, Mr. Lawyer. And just like that man wounded and lying in the ditch, you also will be shocked to look up and learn that it is the Samaritan and **the entire, gigantic world outside of Israel (he so poignantly represents) who is your neighbor.** The hated Samaritans and despised Gentiles are, in the providence of God, ready to be your neighbor. Are you ready to "go and do the same" and be a neighbor to them? Are you ready to begin to consider as neighbors those whom you have been instructed and conditioned to marginalize and hate? Are you ready to come out into the deep waters of what is really involved in being the people of God? And, O lawyer, until you recognize these as your neighbor, you will never get out of the ditch. Instead, you will remain in there alone and abandoned by a system symbolized by the indifferent priest and Levite in the parable. Religious leaders such as these claim to direct believing Jews into God's Kingdom but, in fact, keep them separated from God, His people and His love for the world...keep them trapped in a self-centered, self-absorbed way of looking at the world.* (From sermon, 13th Trinity, Parable of the Good Samaritan.)

Upcoming Events—September 7, 2024: Ordination of Dcn. Tim Kline to the Presbyterate, Christ the Redeemer, Owensboro, Kentucky. October 16-18: DCS Synod and election of Bishop Coadjutor, Trinity Church, Mason, Ohio.

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Photo Gallery



Presenting Dcn. David Heng with his MAM diploma and academic hood at Trinity Anglican, Evansville, Indiana, August 25, 2024.

Confirmation and Reception at Trinity Anglican, Evansville, Indiana, August 25, 2024.



Praying for the newly confirmed at St. John's Anglican, Birmingham, Alabama, assisted by Postulant Thomas Caucutt, July 21, 2024.



Praise for answered prayer: Madeline Tarsitano and family celebrated removing her brace on August 13, 2024. She will continue to be monitored for her condition and receive infusions, but the outlook is very hopeful. Please continue to pray.

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Duties of a diocesan bishop include judging pie baking contests (Trinity Anglican, Evansville, Indiana, August 25, 2024).



A good time was had by all on the August 2024 (50th Wedding Anniversary celebration) Rhine River Cruise.