

Diocese of the Central States News

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Meeting of the Convocation of Virginia

By Mr. Wyatt Boutwell

On March 1, 2014, the Convocation of Virginia called a meeting for its clergy and postulants. Fr. Scott Thompson and the congregation of St. Jude's hosted the Saturday morning event. Thirteen attendees met at St. Luke's Anglican Catholic Church (the former home of St. Jude's REC) where the day began with a service of Morning Prayer. Following Morning Prayer, Fr. Charles Camlin, Dean of the Convocation of Virginia lectured on the topic "Pre-Lent and Lent in the Book of Common Prayer." This lecture traced the historical development of Lent and Pre-Lent in the Early Church. After briefly discussing the history of the penitential season, Fr. Camlin linked the images portrayed in the Propers with their role in transitioning the Church from the celebrations of Christmas and Epiphany to the festivities of Eastertide. The lecture concluded with a group discussion on differing approaches for preparing the parish for Lent, devotional practices during the course of Lent and cultivating parish-wide involvement in Holy Week services. After Fr. Camlin's lecture, the group celebrated Holy Communion with Fr. Thompson bringing the homily.

After a morning of Word and Sacrament, attendees were hosted to a fine lunch of barbecue at the home of Fr. Scott and Mary Jane Thompson. Their hospitality set the stage for informal discussions about parish life. Together the group enjoyed a time of fellowship that rarely comes for clergymen dispersed throughout our large diocese, which is roughly equivalent to 1/5 of the contiguous United States, or about the size of Nigeria. Fr. Camlin has indicated that we plan to make gatherings of this sort a regular feature of the Deanery. In light of the mutual encouragement, we hope that all clergy in the Deanery might make attendance at future events a priority.



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Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Parish/Mission	Date
Epiphany, Cleveland, OH	06/01/14
St. Nicholas, Owensboro, KY	06/08/14
St. John's of Mt Laurel, Birmingham, AL	06/15/14
New Covenant School & All Saints Mission, Lynchburg, VA	06/22/14
Covenant, Roanoke, VA	06/29/14
St. Andrew's Appomattox, Appomattox, VA	07/06/14
St. Andrew's, Asheboro, NC	07/13/14
Christ Our Hope, Westpoint, TN	07/20/14
Trinity, Mason, OH	07/27/14
All Saints, Raleigh, NC	08/03/14
Resurrection, Shalimar, FL	08/10/14
Fr. Matthew & Sora Colvin	08/17/14
Christ the King, Dayton, OH	08/24/14
St. Andrew's, Signal Mtn, TN	08/31/14

News from Matt and Sora Colvin

Submitted by Fr. Matt Colvin

Sora returned safely to Davao after a month doing relief work in “ground zero” of last November’s super-typhoon Yolanda. We have committed to funding the ongoing labor costs of rebuilding her friend Nerissa Cumpio’s birth clinic in Tanuan, Leyte, which was completely destroyed by the storm surge. This facility will provide much-needed care for mothers and babies in this devastated region. If you would like to contribute, please direct your contributions to our missionary society, SAMS USA, and designate your gift to: “Colvins’ Special Project Account”:

<https://secure-q.net/Donations/SAMS/3294>

Matt will be returning to the States briefly for the REC’s General Council in Blue Bell, PA. He looks forward to catching up with many of the parishes and individuals that support our missionary work here in the Philippines.

New brochures have been printed for the Colvins’ ministry. If you would like some for your parish, contact Fr. Matt (colvinmission@gmail.com).

Keep up with news from the Colvins at <http://receivewithmeekness.wordpress.com>



Sora Colvin and Nerissa Cumpio

From the Colvins’ blog:

Everyone who has worked with Nerissa can testify to her dedication, industriousness, and eagerness to learn new things. Even after an exhausting night with many births and no sleep, Nerissa was always ready to make the rest of us laugh with her quick sense of humor. And the fact that Nerissa was there in Leyte and working at the birth camp at all is evidence of her incredible courage and resilience.

Local children playing on the beach in San Jose, Dulag



Around the Diocese

From Bishop Morse

Marianne is feeling much better now that she has recovered from her surgery. On Wednesday, May 28, she starts a short set of therapy for back pain she's been suffering with for a few weeks.

I'll be in Roanoke, VA, on Saturday May 31 and Sunday June 1 for my episcopal visit to Covenant.

Happy Anniversary!

On May 18, 2014, Christ Our Hope Anglican (Dayton, OH) celebrated four years as a parish. May our Lord continue to bless them in their mission and ministry.

From Our Schools

- The 2014 Dominion Academy of Dayton graduation is scheduled for Sunday, June 1. A reception honoring the class of 2014 will follow.
- From May 16 to May 18, Appomattox Christian Academy staged a production of *The Merchant of Venice* at Appomattox Courthouse Theatre.
- New Covenant Schools, Lynchburg, VA, will graduate 17 students on Saturday, June 14. The commencement speaker is Dr. Karen Prior, Professor of English at Liberty University.

REC General Council

Please be in prayer for all who will be traveling to attend General Council, and for the matters that will be considered there:

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who, by thy Holy Spirit, didst preside in the Council of the blessed Apostles, and hast promised, through thy Son Jesus Christ, to be with thy Church to the end of the world; We beseech thee to be with the Council of this portion of thy Church assembled in thy Name and Presence. Save us from all error, ignorance, pride, and prejudice; and of thy great mercy vouchsafe, we beseech thee, so to direct, sanctify, and govern us in our work, by the mighty power of the Holy Ghost, that the comfortable Gospel of Christ may be truly preached, truly received, and truly followed, in all places, to the breaking down the kingdom of sin, Satan, and death; till at length the whole of thy dispersed sheep, being gathered into thy fold, shall become partakers of everlasting life; through the merits and death of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Easter at St. James Anglican, Memphis, TN Fr. Keith Boettner, Rector

On Easter Sunday, a service of dedication was held for digital carillons donated by Maida Clifton and Maida Smith in memory of Richard Clifton, Marshall Smith, and White Smith. As was appropriate for their Easter debut, the bells pealed forth a joyful version of the hymn "Jesus Christ is Risen Today."

The following prayer was used in the dedication:

Almighty God, who by thy servant Moses didst command to make two silver trumpets for the convocation of solemn assemblies: be pleased to accept our offering of these bells; bless, hallow, and sanctify them with thy heavenly benediction, and grant that through this generation, and through those that are to come, they may continue to call together thy faithful people to praise and worship thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The sound of carillons is a lovely reminder of the church's presence in the neighborhood. Gordon Stark, who lives on Prescott near the church, was recently quoted as saying that he and his wife find the sound soothing, even the time when there was a surge in the power lines and the bells sounded unexpectedly at midnight! Another neighbor recently sent a donation because she loves hearing the bells every day.

Immediately following the dedication, the Easter service began with the children of the parish taking part in the traditional Flowering of the Cross.

Visit the parish website: <http://stjamesmem.org>

