



# FORWARD *in* MISSION

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## *Sacraments & Celebrations*

# New priests ordained, church buildings blessed

The closing weeks of 2005 were blessed with celebrations around the diocese. On the evening of Oct. 28 at St. Andrew's, Fort Worth, Bishop Iker ordained Deacon Taylor Marshall to the priesthood. Fr. Marshall serves St. Andrew's as youth minister.

On the following morning, the Bishop ordained Deacon Mark Stockstill to the priesthood at St. Luke's, Stephenville. Fr. Stockstill serves as diocesan missionary to two congregations: Trinity in Dublin, and St. Matthew's in Comanche. He asked to be ordained at St. Luke's because it is the parish his mother attended during her college years and thus was responsible for bringing his whole family into the Episcopal Church.

On Sunday, Nov. 20, Fr. Jonathan Ogujiofor and the people of St. Simon's, Fort Worth, welcomed Bishop Iker to their new parish hall for blessing and dedication of the rooms and furnishings. The church now has a full kitchen and plenty of room for all parish activities under one roof.

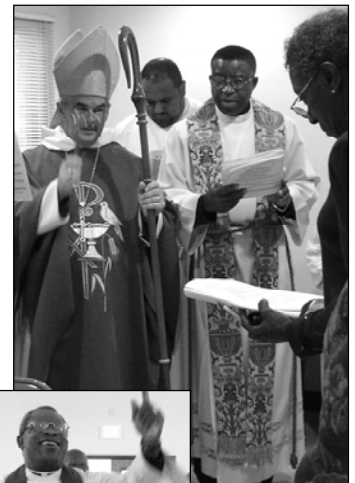
Sunday, Dec. 4, was the date appointed for the congregation of St. Philip's, Arlington, to move into its new church building at 4990 New York Avenue, south of Interstate 20. Fr. Felix Akinkugbe opened the church doors to Bishop Iker when, following ancient tradition, he knocked three times with his crosier.



*The Litany at the ordination of Fr. Stockstill.*



*Fr. Marshall greets his wife, Joy, after blessing her at the conclusion of his ordination service. Joy Marshall was a lector at the service.*



*Fr. Jonathan Ogujiofor watches as Bishop Iker blesses a room in the new parish house.*



*Above, Fr. Felix Akinkugbe leads a jubilant offertory procession during the dedication service. Left, Bishop Iker knocks at the church door.*

*Deacons lead hurricane outreach projects*

## Two mission trips to storm-ravaged Mississippi communities



*Looking east in the nave at Trinity Pass Christian.*

Many in the Diocese of Fort Worth have close ties to churches damaged or destroyed in Hurricane Katrina. In particular, the hearts of St. Peter & St. Paul, Arlington, went out to their former rector, Fr. Chris Colby, and his congregation in Pass Christian, Miss. Not long after the storm, the Arlington congregation began organizing and collecting supplies for a mission trip to Pass Christian. At the same

time All Saints', Fort Worth, found it had a bond with Church of the Redeemer, Biloxi, Miss., through Deacon Ann Richards, who was raised there married her husband, Ben, there, then watched as her children grew up in the parish, too. The Richards were instrumental in rebuilding Redeemer after Hurricane Camille in 1969, and All Saints' was ready to help them offer comfort and encouragement again this fall. The following are accounts of those two mission trips.

*St. Peter & St. Paul, Arlington, mission to Trinity Church, Pass Christian, Miss.*  
by Deacon Lana Farley

Five volunteers responded to Fr. Hightower's call for a team to go to Pass Christian in early October. My husband, Roy, and I were joined by Cheryl Rives, Dave Hunter, and Hank Bollman, a friend of Dave's. The congregation supplied us with two wheel barrows, four chain saws, fuel, and an assortment of household items for Fr. Chris's secretary, who lost everything.

When we arrived, we found RVs and tents set up around the Coast Episcopal School, which was also headquarters for the Episcopal and Lutheran relief agencies. Under one large tent were toiletries, clothes, tools, toys and other

items, all there for the taking. Another tent served as a medical clinic staffed by volunteer doctors and nurses. Yet another tent offered building materials. All of this was provided by the church relief agencies. A FEMA feeding station near the church served meals to 1,200 residents and volunteers every day.

Once we were settled, Fr. Chris showed us around the church property. The 40-foot storm surge had carried away the education and office buildings, leaving only the foundations and subflooring. The church had lost most of its subflooring and side walls, but it still had its supporting beams and roof. Somehow the pews, grand piano, altar, and furnishings had been carried out the front without knocking out the beams.

Fr. Chris asked us to clean up broken glass, tree limbs, and other debris, to remove part of a boat dock that had come to rest in the church offices, and the keel of a sailboat imbedded in the yard. He also wanted a temporary floor in the nave so that services could be held there again.

Dave, Cheryl, and Hank took the dock apart and stacked the lumber. The men cut up a lot of fallen trees, except for one huge tree, which we named Goliath. We tried to pull the boat keel out of the ground with our truck, but could not even budge it, so we turned our problem over to God



*This photo of Trinity Church, which appeared on page 1 of the last Forward in Mission, was taken by Helen Ferguson, a member of All Saints', Fort Worth, who went to Pass Christian as a hurricane relief volunteer.*

in prayer. Within a couple of hours, along came two volunteers from Desdin, Fla., looking for ways to help. They just happened to have a Bobcat loader on a trailer a few blocks away, so they brought it back and went to work on the keel. About four hours later, they pulled it out. It was buried six feet deep and weighed about two tons.

Cheryl and I cleared away 30 wheel barrow loads of glass, roofing material, and broken sheet rock from the church grounds. The glass was deceptive. You would pick up what you thought was just a small piece, and it would be a shard six or eight inches long, just stuck in the ground.

In the nave, we found that several of the floor joists needed to be replaced, so we scavenged good ones from the other buildings. Then our second miracle arrived: 30 volunteers who came for the weekend with Campus Crusade for Christ were offered to us. Those kids were amazing; they were there to work, and work they did.

The absolute devastation of the whole area was truly overwhelming, and I was brought to tears many times in our few days there. However, some of those were tears of joy – joy at seeing so many people, from so many places, pitching in and working to restore this place. They were icons of hope to those who lost so much.

*All Saints', Fort Worth, mission to*  
**Church of the Redeemer, Biloxi, Miss.**  
 by Deacon Ann Richards

With full hearts we offer thanks to our mission-minded parish and diocese for embracing the commitment of our baptismal covenant to “seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves.”

Our former parish of many years, Church of the Redeemer in Biloxi, was completely destroyed by Hurricane Katrina, and 10 of its families were left with nothing but their lives. In response, the Mission/Outreach Committee of All Saints', under the direction of Frs. Christopher Jambor and Christopher Culpepper, developed a plan to send much-needed supplies to Biloxi.

A list of items needed was obtained from Fr. Harold Roberts, the rector of Redeemer, and an appeal was published to the people of All Saints'. On Dec. 1, we loaded our pick-up truck, a van, and a rented trailer with vacuums, dishes, coffee pots, small grills, mixers, pots and pans,

*The Celtic cross and historic marker were left standing at the front entrance to Church of the Redeemer. In the background is the twisted iron frame of the church.*



and even lawn mowers. My husband, Ben, and I were a merry little caravan of two, representing all of us Christians, going out to “love and serve the Lord.”

The items were received in Biloxi with such joy, excitement, and tears that it caused the church secretary to shout, “Oh, my God!” And she was right, of course. There is no greater love, and He tells us also that “as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.”

On Sunday, Dec. 4, we worshiped together in an elementary school, and I had the privilege of serving as Deacon at worship. Suddenly I realized that, together with the rector and about 150 parishioners, we were the Church of the Redeemer. We are the Body of Christ, the one, holy, and apostolic church. At Baptism we are received into the household of God, and we become the Body of Christ, the Church. God will raise his Temple of Praise and worship again in Biloxi; I saw that in the faces and hearts of my fellow Christians, the Church, the body of Christ, that day.

We are thankful to those who sent us, for hearts that are so mission-minded and so generous, all in the name of an awesome God.



*Unpacking supplies from Fort Worth in the parish hall at Church of the Redeemer, Biloxi.*

# Around the Diocese

## *St. Michael's Conference for youth this summer*

Youth aged 12 through 19 are encouraged to attend the St. Michael's Conference being held at



Camp Crucis during the week of June 4-10. Through Anglo-Catholic worship and instruction, St. Michael's teaches the "one holy catholic and apostolic faith" to adolescent Christians – the next generation of parish leadership.

The program consists of daily worship, morning classes taught by clergy, and afternoon recreation, with discussion groups and activities (Talent Night!) in the evenings. The whole program is geared to the energy level and

spiritual hunger of our youth. All Michaelites grow in knowledge of their faith; some even find a call to ministry. The conference has been available for many years in the Midwest and East, and participants return year after year. This year the clergy of our diocese are bringing St. Michael's West of the Mississippi. The session begins, appropriately, on the afternoon of Pentecost; families are invited to attend the conference closing on Saturday morning. The cost for the week is \$300. A Web site and brochures for the conference are in the works. For more information, send e-mail to Fr. Christopher Cantrell at [ctcan@swbell.net](mailto:ctcan@swbell.net).

## *Liz Young receives national award*

Congratulations to Liz Young wife of Fr. Robert Young, the rector of St. Andrew's, Grand Prairie. Liz was named Outstanding Volunteer of 2005 by her employer Northwestern Mutual, for her community service. Since 1997 Liz has served on the board of Brighter Tomorrows, Inc., a Grand Prairie-based organization providing shelter and support to those in fear of domestic violence or sexual abuse.



*Liz Young*

In 2003 she became president of the group, which has expanded its ministry from a shelter, resale shop, and several transitional apartments to include three shelters, two shops, and a resource center serving Irving, Cedar Hill, DeSoto, Duncanville, and Lancaster, as well as Grand Prairie. The award was made at Northwestern Mutual's national annual meeting and carried a grant of \$10,000 further the work of Brighter Tomorrows.

## *Save the date for the Bishop Iker Challenge*

The Sixth Annual Bishop Iker Challenge Golf Tournament is set for Friday, June 2 at Squaw Valley Golf Club in Glen Rose. Mark your calendars now to "play a round for the kids" and spend the day with Bishop Iker. Your Parish Coordinator will have registration forms shortly, and more updates will appear in the *Forward* and online at [www.fwepiscopal.org](http://www.fwepiscopal.org).

## *The Bishop Davies Planned Giving Society*

*In 2004 Bishop Iker established a planned giving society to recognize those persons who have designated a gift to the Diocese of Fort Worth in their estate plans, as an expression of their faith and thanksgiving to God for His abundant provision of spiritual and material blessings throughout our earthly lives. Named for the diocese's founding bishop, the Rt. Rev. A. Donald Davies, the society can receive new members at any time. Simply notify Suzanne Gill, the Director of Planned Giving Names of members will be published annually. For information about ways of directing a gift through your estate, contact the Director at 817-244-2885 or [sgill@fwepiscopal.org](mailto:sgill@fwepiscopal.org)*

### *Charter Members*

*John & Ann Boddie*

*The Very Rev. & Mrs. Andrew Bradley*

*Walter & Marci Copeland*

*The Rt. Rev. & Mrs. Jack Leo Iker*

*Mr. & Mrs. Robert J. Patton*

# Around the Diocese

## *Mother of Unity Conference in Dallas*

An ecumenical conference on the Blessed Virgin Mary will be held Saturday, March 25 (the Feast of the Annunciation), at St. John's, Dallas, 848 Harter Road. The day's program is focused on the new document *Mary: Grace and Hope in Christ*, published in 2005 by the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC). Featured speakers will be clergy from the Anglican, Lutheran, Roman Catholic, and Greek Orthodox traditions. The day begins at 9:15 p.m. with optional rosary and low mass; the first homily will be delivered at 10:30. There is no charge for the conference, but registration if necessary for planning. Find a link to the registration form at <http://www.episcopal-dallas.org/news4.html>

## *Episcopal Marriage Encounter Weekend*

St. Crispin's Diocesan Conference Center in Seminole Okla., is the location of an upcoming Marriage Encounter weekend. The program began in Spain in the 1960s as a way for couples with good relationships to enrich and improve their lives as individuals and as a couple. The weekend is scheduled for Friday evening through Sunday, April 21 – 23. Please contact: Art and Linda Paul, 918-629-7259, [harplinda1@cox.net](mailto:harplinda1@cox.net) or go to [www.episcopalme.com](http://www.episcopalme.com) to register online. The only cost is \$45 for registration.

## *Pilgrimage to England*

The Rt. Rev. William Wantland, the retired bishop of Eau Claire, who assists Bishop Iker with several parish visitations each year, is organizing a pilgrimage to England for Sept. 1 – 11. The itinerary includes the cathedrals at Canterbury, Ely, Salisbury, and Winchester, the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, Lambeth Palace, St. Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, and Stonehenge. The trip is limited to 18 participants, and the cost for travel and lodgings (double occupancy) is \$1885 from DFW. There is an additional fee for a single room. A \$300 deposit is due by April 1. For further details contact Bishop Wantland at 405-382-5068, or write to him at P.O. Box 1692, Seminole, OK 74818.

## *Sign up online for Camp Crucis*

If you can't pass a Hershey's bar without thinking of S'mores, here's the news you've been waiting for: Camp Crucis has opened registration for Summer Camp 2006. Look for brochures in your church's tract rack, or down-

load them at [www.campcrucis.org](http://www.campcrucis.org). This year, you can even register and pay online; begin at [www.campcrucis.org](http://www.campcrucis.org) and choose the "Summer Camp" drop-down menu.

## *Godly Play teacher accreditation*

All Saints', Fort Worth, will host a workshop July 13-15 for those interested in becoming accredited Godly Play teachers. This teacher training event will enable the participant to experience Godly Play from the inside out. You will learn how to build the Godly Play classroom and strengthen your classroom management skills. You will deepen your understanding of children's spirituality. Each activity takes place in a prayerful environment with talented and creative trainers. You will improve your teaching skills, achieve greater clarity about the foundations of Godly Play and leave spiritually refreshed. The fee is \$325 (meals included) and registration is limited to 24 participants. Registration also includes a one-year membership to the Center for the Theology of Childhood. To register or for more information, please contact Fr. David Madison at through the church office at 817-732-1424 or [frmadison@allsaintsfortworth.org](mailto:frmadison@allsaintsfortworth.org)



*Lavabo Bowl Champs: The name of the contest may be tongue-in-cheek, but the touch football is serious each fall when Nashotah House and Seabury Western seminaries meet to determine the winner of the coveted lavabo bowl (held, above, by Canon Charles Hough, President of the Nashotah Alumni Association). All five seminarians from the Diocese of Fort Worth played for the 2005-06 Nashotah team and came away the victors. Standing with Canon Hough are, from left: Chuck Hough IV, Chad Nusbaum, Jon Jenkins, Jonathan Duncan, and John Jordan.*

# The Canon's Corner



by the Rev. Canon Charles A. Hough III,  
Canon to the Ordinary

Several clergy changes have occurred since my last report. Let us welcome *The Rev. Dr. William Dickson*, his wife, *Ginger*, and their family to the diocese.

He is the new rector at St. Andrew's in downtown Fort Worth. We offer heartfelt thanks to *the Rev. Stanley Maneikis*, who served as priest-in-charge during the search process, delaying his retirement till the new rector arrived. Congratulations to Fr. Maneikis and *Mary* on 40 years in God's service. They will remain in the diocese, and we congratulate him on his new ministry (in retirement) at Union Gospel Mission in Fort Worth, which he took up this month.



Fr. Dickson

Thanks to *the Rev. John Cornelius*, who served as priest-in-charge at Good Shepherd, Granbury, until he accepted a call in the Diocese of Albany, N.Y., where he started on Ash Wednesday. We will miss Fr. Cornelius, his wife, *Sharyl*, and their family. *The Rev. Richard McHenry* is serving as priest-in-charge during the remainder of the interim at Good Shepherd, as the congregation continues its search for a new rector.

I'm saddened to report the death of *Douglas Alford*, the former rector of St. Stephen's in Hurst and St. Simon's in Fort Worth. He was vicar at Holy Spirit, Graham, and St. Peter-By-The-Lake, Possum Kingdom Lake, when he retired. We extend our sympathy to his wife, *Shirley*, and their family.

We have two senior seminarians at Nashotah House who will be ordained to the Transitional Diaconate (this means they will later be ordained priests) on Saturday, March 18, at 10 a.m. at St. Vincent's Cathedral Church, Bedford. *John Jordan* and *Jon Jenkins* will be assigned to parishes at a later time. Both of our new deacons are due to graduate from Nashotah House on May 18.

Many thanks go to *Jane Parrott*, our diocesan Director of Business and Finance, and *Walter Virden, III*, the diocesan Treasurer, for their hard work in putting together the Busi-

ness and Finance Workshop held Feb. 18. Despite the icy roads, we had 35 attendees who were treasurers, vestry members, and other leaders in parishes and missions throughout the diocese.

I am excited to tell you of the formation of a new permanent committee of the diocese, known as the Risk Management Committee. It is chaired by *Rod Barber*, who is a communicant at Holy Comforter, Cleburne, and an insurance specialist. This committee is made up of hand-selected lay people with experience and expertise in the insurance industry who are donating their time to assist congregations on matters pertaining to medical and property insurance. They are a Godsend to us as each of our congregations grapple with rising costs and contemporary risk management issues. To contact the committee, call the diocesan office at 817-244-2885.

I am pleased to announce the appointment of *Gala Pryor* as the new Receptionist and Secretary to the Canon to the Ordinary. She will begin work on Monday, April 1. We welcome Gala to the diocesan office staff. My former secretary, *Susan Steele*, is now the secretary to Bishop Iker.

## Two new rectors installed during Epiphany



*The Rev. Edward Kresowaty* (left) was installed as seventh rector of St. Alban's, Arlington, on Saturday, Jan. 14, before a congregation that included guests and well-wishers from Fr. Kresowaty's former parish, Good Shepherd in Granbury.

*The Rev. Steven Pope* (below with Bishop Iker)

was installed as rector of St. Andrew's, Breckenridge, on Saturday, Feb. 11. Fr. Pope and his wife, April, come to the diocese from Victoria, Texas.



*Additions to*  
**THE BISHOP DAVIES BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE**

NOVEMBER 8, 2004 *through* OCTOBER 8, 2005

ST. ANDREW'S, BRECKENRIDGE

*The Rev. Neal Harrison Platt*

*Donald Fowler Chrisman*

*Jack Ewing Dodson*

HOLY COMFORTER, CLEBURNE

*William Charles Bawcombe*

ALL SAINTS', FORT WORTH

*Melissa Gaines*

*Myrtle (Modie) Minnie Graves Gambill*

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FORT WORTH

*Gordon Richey*

*Jo Ann Buckalew*

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S, FORT WORTH

*E. Faye Price*

*Mary A. Autry*

*Artemas "Art" E. Knee*

ST. ANDREW'S, FORT WORTH

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*Ferrie Elizabeth Biggers Archey Arnold*

ST. JOHN'S, FORT WORTH

*Gwendolyn Wilhite Lipscomb*

GOOD SHEPHERD, GRANBURY

*Margaret "Peggy" Betts Gounaud*

ST. LUKE'S, STEPHENVILLE

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GOOD SHEPHERD, WICHITA FALLS

*Andrew Toth*

*Beverly Sue Snebold*

FRIENDS

*John C. Foster*

(St. Paul's Catholic Church, Orlando, Fla.)

*Cass Edwards*

(University Christian Church, Fort Worth)

**Editor's note:** Any church or individual may have the name of a deceased loved one inscribed in *The Bishop Davies Book of Remembrance*. This leather-bound volume is maintained at the Diocesan Center for Ministry, and names are added either according to the congregation to which the individual belonged or in a special section for Christians from outside the diocese (whether they lived out of town or belonged to another denomination). Each congregation is represented by a hand-painted shield, and names are inscribed by a professional calligrapher. Preferably, names are added soon after death, but there is no time limit. For each name added, a contribution of at least \$15 is asked; the accumulated funds are used for the education of our seminarians. To have a name added to the *Book of Remembrance*, call the diocesan office at 817-244-2885. Additions are published annually in the *Forward*.

# DIOCESAN CALENDAR - LENT 2006

*Boldface type indicates Bishop Iker's visitations • Unless otherwise indicated, all meetings are held at the Diocesan Center for Ministry*

<i>January</i>	3/18	Ordinations of Jon Jenkins and John Jordan to the transitional diaconate, <i>St. Vincent's, Bedford</i>
<i>February</i>	3/19	<b>OUR LADY OF THE LAKE, Laguna Park, and ST. MARY'S, Hillsboro (Bishop Iker)</b> <b>ST. ANTHONY'S, Alvarado (Bishop Wantland)</b>
<i>March</i>	3/20	<i>St. Joseph</i> 9:30 a.m. Committee on Ministry 1:30 p.m. Standing Committee
<i>April</i>		
<i>May</i>	3/22	11 a.m. Finance Committee 2 p.m. Executive Council
<i>June</i>	3/25	<i>The Annunciation</i> Daughters of the King of the Fort Worth and Dallas dioceses <i>meet at St. Vincent's</i>
<i>July</i>	3/26	<b>GOOD SHEPHERD, Wichita Falls</b>
<i>August</i>	4/2	<b>ASCENSION/ST. MARK'S, Wise County</b>
<i>September</i>	4/9	<i>Palm Sunday – Sunday of the Passion</i> <b>ST. TIMOTHY'S, Fort Worth</b>
<i>October</i>	4/11	10:30 a.m. Mass of Collegiality, <i>St. Vincent's Cathedral</i>
<i>November</i>	4/14-17	<i>Diocesan Offices closed; offices re-open on April 18</i>
<i>December</i>	4/16	<i>Easter Day</i> <b>SAN MIGUEL, Fort Worth</b>

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