

# Harvest Plain

A Publication from the Diocese of Quincy

*"Jehovah Jireh"*



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## **EDITOR'S CORNER**

Dear Diocesan Family:

After so many attempts to bring you the **news** that is relevant to the "new life" that has come upon the Diocese of Quincy, we have finally come up with enough information to place before you and spark your interest for the future mission of our Diocese.

The format has changed because I knew that there was no way that we could compare to the wonderful job Jo Ackerman did with the previous editions of The Harvest Plain. With grateful hearts, we give thanks for her dedication to The Harvest Plain for so many years.

Please be patient as we grow and develop a platform to communicate our Anglican heritage as displayed in the life of our diocese. This is our first attempt at a newsletter communicating God's palpable presence in the Diocese of Quincy. As we write this, we praise God for the gifts and talents of the faithful clergy and laity of our diocese. May He continue to bless all our efforts to bring glory to God from whom all blessings flow.

In Christ — *Leah Day (Editor)*

## **Prayer for the Diocese**

**O God, by your grace you have called us in this Diocese to a goodly fellowship of faith. Bless our Bishops' retired, Donald, Edward and Keith, and other clergy, and all our people. Grant that your Word may be truly preached and truly heard, you Sacraments faithfully administered and faithfully received. By your Spirit, fashion our lives according to the example of your Son, and grant that we may show the power of your love to all among whom we live; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **NEWS AND EVENTS**

### **NEWEST MEMBERS OF OUR DIOCESAN FAMILY**

The members of St. George's Church of Macomb and Trinity Church Monmouth are very pleased to announce the arrival of their new parish priest and family. The Rev. Jason Miller, his wife Rebecca and three children Elijah, Jonah, and Lily will be moving to Macomb, IL. on March 17, 2010. Fr. Miller has another connection to central Illinois as his parents live in Galesburg, IL. His first Sunday to lead our worship at St. George's will be March 21, at the regular 10:30 a.m. Eucharist. The regular Sunday service at Trinity is at 8:00 a.m.

## **PAST EVENTS**

### ***-Institution of Fr. Frank Dunaway as Vicar of St. John's, Henry / St. Andrew's, El Paso***



On Sunday, March 7th (3rd Sunday in Lent), in a very solemn late afternoon Mass, filled with excitement, The Rev. Fr. Frank Dunaway was instituted as Vicar of St. John's, Henry, IL. The homily was given by the Very Reverend John R. Spencer, Vicar General of the Diocese, Fr. Frank's daughter Kiera served at the altar and as witnesses his wife Amy and daughter Reagan were in attendance. The festivities continued in the parish hall with a beautiful reception given by his church family

### **From Synod:**

Three Parishes have joined the Diocese of Quincy by approval of the Diocesan body, gathered at Princeton, IL!

-St. Dunstan's Parish, Largo, Florida

-All Saint's Parish, Montrose, CO

-St. Andrew's Parish, Nashville, TN

They will form what is known as St. Phillip's Deanery, led by the *Very Rev. Fr. Ed Sellers*, Dean and Rector of St. Dunstan's in Largo, FL.

### ***-Re-Dedication of All Saints Parish, Montrose, CO***



On the 3rd Sunday of Lent, The Rt. Rev. Alexander "Sandy" Greene, Bishop of the Rocky Mountain Network of the AMiA, acting on behalf of the Standing Committee, of the Diocese of Quincy, dedicated the new building and altar appointments of All Saints Anglican Church in Montrose, CO.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**-Sunday, March 28:** Our bishop, The Rt. Rev. Dr. Keith Ackerman is coming back home! He has received an invitation from Fr. James Derbyshire to Celebrate and Preach the Palm Sunday Mass both at **8:00 a.m.** and **10:30 a.m.** at St. John's, Quincy, having Confirmations that day. This is a continuing tradition where he has agreed to make such an official visitation at the beginning of Holy Week.

**-Sunday, March 28:** Bishop Ackerman will also be at Trinity Church (Anglican), Monmouth **2:30 p.m.**, and will address as the special guest speaker the local St. Athanasius Tri-Chapter of Forward in Faith, North America, as the President of that entity. This is their annual meeting within the Diocese of Quincy. This event will be open to the general public, and therefore they would appreciate if you would RSVP to either LaRue Withers [l.withers@forntiernet.net](mailto:l.withers@forntiernet.net) (309) 754-8215, or Rosalie Brownell [rbrownell@citlink.net](mailto:rbrownell@citlink.net) (309) 734-4036, or Audie Durand [amd1938@frontiernet.net](mailto:amd1938@frontiernet.net) (309) 734-6771.

**-Wednesday, March 31:** Annual celebration of the Chrism Mass and Renewal of Ordination Promises, **10:00 a.m.** This celebration is open to everyone (not just Clergy), and is a wonderful opportunity for the laity of our Diocese to witness the renewal of vows of our Clergy. There will be a luncheon following the Mass, which will be at a cost of \$13.00 per person- payable at the door. Bp. Wantland, retired bishop of Eau Claire and Asst. Bishop of Forth Worth will be the main Celebrant and Preacher.

**-April 16-18:** Happening #25- All youth in the Diocese age 8th grade and older are invited to renew their commitment to Christ and his Gospel by accepting this invitation to join the Diocesan Youth Department and its leaders (Becky Gamage and Katrina Honnold) in a weekend Retreat!!!

## **OTHER NEWS...**

Before I get to the great news that I will present to you in the next section, I must express the importance of having the forms of both the Vestry/ Bishop's Committee Elections and Synod Deputies as soon as possible!!! These must be addressed to the **Secretary of Synod** and sent to the Diocesan House- 601 W Florence Ave., Peoria, IL 61604. This is critical information as it will be these deputies who will be electing the next Bishop of Quincy.

**Search for Quincy IX:** The Search Committee (headed by Don Dexter- St. George's Church, Macomb) has met over the past several months in order to find Candidates who, after submitting their particular information have been found suitable to participate in the upcoming election of the next Bishop of Quincy. The Committee has asked everyone to continue offering prayers for them as well as the process. On **May 8th** at Grace Church (Anglican), Galesburg there will be an open forum to *"Meet the 3 Candidates"*- (open to all in the Diocese)- but particularly important for our delegates. Registration begins at **9:30 a.m.** Recorded copies of these interviews will be made available to all churches, so that all delegates may be able to make an informed choice, as we await with hope the upcoming election on **June 12th**.

**Bishop Keith & Jo** would be absolutely delighted if they hear that people from within the Diocese are interested in joining them October 19-30 on their 10th Pilgrimage to the Holy Land (including Egypt). You can write Joann Ackerman at [dovehaven2@verizon.net](mailto:dovehaven2@verizon.net) or call (817) 479-6831 to have a copy of the brochure sent to you or visit their DoveTracts website: [www.dovetracts.org](http://www.dovetracts.org) for more information.

**Disaster Relief:** I ask that we must continually offer prayers for our brothers and sisters who have suffered greatly through natural disasters in recent days: especially for the Diocese of Haiti (to whom we are in fellowship since the 1990's) and the Diocese of Chile (in fellowship with our diocese through the Southern Cone). Deacon Phil Fleming has been updating us with all the developments that have occurred since these tragedies struck in January and February of this year. If you would like to assist in any way, please contact him at [dcnphil@dioceseofquincy.org](mailto:dcnphil@dioceseofquincy.org) or you can reach the ARDF office at their website, [www.anglicanaid.net](http://www.anglicanaid.net).

## **SCRIPTURE OF THE DAY**

**Psalm 107 (Reflection courtesy of Fr. Harold, OSB)**

***"Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and He delivered them from their distress. He led them out of darkness and deep gloom and broke their bonds asunder."***

How would you survive a tragedy? How would you inspire others to survive a tragedy? I am truly reminded how to act according to St. Paul's words: *"If one member suffers, we all suffer with them, if one rejoices, we all rejoice together."* Therefore, in human terms we can experience the difficulty of human suffering, but at the same time hope for God to restore and bring light through any circumstance of our lives. By now, we should know we have "no control" over those events which challenge us and brings us to our knees, but we do have absolute control over calling the one who "can do all things" to bring back to perfection the things we've lost either through tragedy or through our own sinfulness.

## **IN MY OPINION...**

OK!!! This is your chance... to speak, to say, to comment, to blog or express what you want to say, but, there's a catch... "But above all things, charity!!!" I am willing to allow your thoughts to manifest the "spirit of the Diocese" in issues we all should be concerned or placing our attention to. Any takers can e-mail me at [LMS475@comcast.net](mailto:LMS475@comcast.net) to have your say in future publications.

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