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To celebrate its 125th anniversary, the Diocese of Quincy has produced eight beers — one named for each of its eight bishops. The beers were brewed in limited quantity by a microbrewer in Peoria, III. Only 120 bottles of each variety were brewed.

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'My Beloved Son'

'I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit' (Mark 1:8)

First Sunday After Epiphany, Baptism of Our Lord, Jan. 12, 2003 Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 89:1-29 or 89:20-29; Acts 10:34-38; Mark 1:7-11

Today's theme is the Baptism of Jesus. However, before embarking on a sermon or talk on the significance of Jesus' baptism, it is important to look at how Mark's account is distinctive and then ask why. Mark's version is the briefest of the gospels. We do not hear of his "winnowing fork" (Matt. 3:12; Luke 3:17) or the "unquenchable fire" (Matt. 3:12; Luke 3:17). Neither do we read of John's reluctance to baptize the Lord (Matt. 3:14); nor do we read of John's criticism of Herod's marital infidelity. Mark's account features the voice from heaven declaring Jesus "my beloved Son" as the heavens opened and the Spirit descended on him like a dove. Unlike Matthew and Luke, Mark uses a special word for the "opening" of the heavens. It literally means "torn open" and is softened by both Matthew and Luke. For Mark, Jesus' baptism is a new dramatization of the power of God, such as the dividing of the Red Sea (Exodus 14:21) or Moses' cleaving of the rock (Isaiah 48:21). This word is also used of the rending of the tent in the Temple (Mark 15:38).

Jesus is God's beloved Son. This echoes Mark's declaration in the first verse of the gospel in which he says, "The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God."

Mark also uses the word "gospel" more often than Luke or Matthew. Gospel or good news marked an event, not a kind of literature. For Mark the gospel concerns Jesus, marked as the Christ, the Son of God, in baptism. Mark focuses on those events in the life, ministry and mission of Jesus, which mark him as God's Son, beginning with this divine appointment. Mark also will develop the theme of servanthood, especially in the second half of the gospel, echoing Isaiah 42:1-2, "I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street."

The early church declared the universal mission of God's Son when it declared the "good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all)" (Acts 10:36).

Baptism marks the beginning of our Lord's ministry, as it marks the beginning of our journey as Christians. Baptism points not primarily to us and our response of repentance and faith, which for those baptized in infancy follows baptism, but to the Lord's unique identity and mission to bring into the fellowship of his father all who repent and put their trust in him.

Look It Up

Compare Mark's account with that of Matthew (3:13-17) and Luke (3:21-22). What emphasis do you see in those accounts?

Think About It

Some Episcopalians, baptized in infancy, but coming to faith years later, wish to be re-baptized. Is that a wise or unwise decision?

Next Sunday

Second Sunday After Epiphany, Jan. 19, 2003

1 Sam. 3:1-10 (11-20); Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Cor. 6:11b-20: John 1:43-51

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Richard Lischer, editor. Eerdmans. Pp. 467. \$29. ISBN 0-8028-4609-2.

Richard Lischer, the noted scholar and professor of preaching at Duke Divinity School, has published a new volume of homiletical excerpts and wisdom on preaching. This



anthology gathers original writings, in contemporary English translation, of nearly 60 authors, including Dietrich Bonhoeffer, John Chrysostom, Phillips Brooks, Paul Ricoeur, George Herbert, John Wesley, Oscar Romero, Gregory the Great, John Henry Newman, Jonathan Edwards, and Barbara Brown Taylor.

These are grouped under seven headings, including "What Is Preaching?," "Biblical Interpretation," "The Hearer," and "Rhetoric." Referring to his work as "a theological and historical cross section of the church's homiletics," Lischer claims "an exciting depth of riches" and admits to "several painful limitations."

The biggest limitation, of course, is that most historical manuscripts were written by males; thus the feminine perspective is under-represented. Lischer acknowledges this concern, both lamenting the problem and taking care not to rewrite history to fit some politically correct paradigm.

As to the book's riches, the objective here was to gather works that contribute to a clearer theological understanding of preaching. "In every era of the church's history," says Lischer in his introduction, "we hear voices decrying the corruption of the pulpit and calling for its reform."

Thanks to Lischer's wonderful new book, there is new hope for reform of preaching in our generation. (The Rev.) J. Barrington Bates New York, N.Y.

Live to Tell

Evangelism for a Postmodern Age By Brad J. Kallenberg. Brazos, Pp. 144 paper. \$10.99. ISBN 1-58743-050-9.

I listen with a silent chuckle as I hear conservative church people assert that they have no intention of becoming postmodern — that they will have nothing to do with postmodernity. And alas, they live and move and breathe in it all the time. Postmodernity is not an option. It is a present reality, and as Christians we are called to do biblical ministry (including evangelism) in the midst of the time and context where we find ourselves and others.

Kallenberg does a masterful job of instructing the church in applying the



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biblical call to evangelize with the distinctive characteristics of those postmoderns who need to be evangelized. He lays the foundations for understanding the postmodern world on the heels of modernity, wrapping up his appeals as "winds of change." This is followed by new models, new paradigms, new metaphors for conversion. He effectively deals with the issues of language in an age that understands differently.

The powerful significance of the book is summed up in his closing chapter: "Retrospect: On Growing Churches the Hard Way." He instructs us that "evangelism is more like sailing than proofreading," thus requiring "skilled judgment at every turn." Evangelism "is more like acting kindly than like cobbling."

What are we to do to accomplish effective evangelism in this postmodern day? Kallenberg answers firmly, "Whatever it takes."

Jim's Last Summer

Lessons on Living from a Dying Priest By Teresa Rhodes. McGee Orbis (www.maryknollmall.org).

Pp. 160. \$15 paper. ISBN 1-57075-420-9.



Faith's paradoxes never cease to amaze. That lessons in life should come from the dying is not only a contemporary possibility, it is a biblical lesson as well. A wonderfully real and

encouraging small book about a 72year-old Maryknoll priest, Jim Lenihan, is the chronicle of death being the source of life. During Jim's last summer, the author, Teresa McGee, herself in a struggle with a physical ailment and its corresponding anger and a subsequent sense of sin, finds in Jim the presence of a human being who, by God's grace, is left with only "essential goodness."

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There is some sadness here, but the sadness in losing Jim is superseded by the joy of finding Jim. Teresa McGee is the better for waiting with Jim for his death to come. The waiting is not easy, for death is as much work as being born, but the waiting brings more than the physical life of birth — it brings one so close as to not be "beyond the reach of the living heart." And so Jim died, and his funeral was a "celebration of life." And Teresa lives on, understanding that "Transformation begins when we also live through whatever the 'it' may be, not by way of endurance but as an experience of grace." You and I will also experience grace as we read this fine record.

> (The Rev.) Jeffrey A. Mackey New York, N.Y.

The Seven Perennial Sins and Their Offspring

By Ken Bayzn. Continuum. Pp. 246. \$24.95. ISBN 0-8264-1437-0.

Mark Twain, The New England Primer, Genesis (the book), Su Tungp'o, Kant, Ben Jonson and Augustine of Hippo — and this is just the cast on the first page of the first chapter of this book, rich in its references to persons from many times, places and cultures. Yet, far more than a simple catena of quotations from sources both familiar and less well known, the editorial director of the Religious Book Club has provided a vibrant and well-woven tapestry that allows us to look at the traditional seven capital sins in both old and new lights.

After a preparatory chapter about the nature of guilt, Bayzn alternates discussions of the well-known list with chapters presenting other dimensions that may not immediately come to mind. From pride he moves to faultfinding, from envy to overzealous egalitarianism, from avarice to workaholism, from gluttony to improper

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fasting, and from sloth to despondency. However, in the tradition of sound spiritual direction, Bayzn reminds us that the proper antidote to sins is development of their corrective virtues. These appear in the expected places, but the final chapters further recall a reality not frequently mentioned nowadays, the warfare of the soul as it is represented in the conflict between evil and those fellow combatants to whom we look as champions and exemplars of the power of good.

(The Rev.) Robert Carroll Walters Worcester, Mass.

Helping Troubled Families A Guide for Pastors, Counselors, and Supporters

By Charles M. Sell. Baker Books. Pp. 207. \$15.99. ISBN 0-8010-9134-9.

Charles M. Sell has written an informative book seemingly aimed as a text for family ministry, but useful to anyone concerned with addiction in any form. Sell reviews the



addictions, the research on the ailments, and what various caregivers and friends can do to aid the troubled. He deftly mixes psychological studies and insights with biblical references in a well-written and balanced work. The writer concludes that eventually the addicts must reach out themselves to change with God's help, for caregivers cannot enable addicts to continue their addiction.

> John Healy Little Falls, N.J.

Surrendering to God

By Keith Beasley-Topliffe. Paraclete. Pp. 134. \$13.95. ISBN 1-55725-284-X.

The author writes that he has used for years the Covenant Prayer as his guide for meditation. "The theme of the prayer is surrender to God and self-abandonment," he writes. The prayer was originally written by Richard and Joseph Alleine. As Beasley shares his insight and personal experience using the Covenant Digitized by

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> (The Rev. Canon) Bill Lester Fort Myers, Fla.

Introducing the World Council of Churches

By Marlin Van Elderen and Martin Conway. WCC Publications, (800-944-6190) Pp. 208. \$14.50. ISBN 2-8254-1353-4.

This is second edition of Marlin VanElderen's classic guide to the World Council of Churches, written in 1990 by the council's executive editor. Now updated by Martin Conway, publications editor of the WCC, the volume includes assemblies at Canberra (1991) and Harare, Zimbabwe (1998). It also notes increased efforts to cope with such matters as nuclear proliferation, AIDS, and globalization.

The authors stress that the council, far from being a "super-church," is not even a "Pan-Protestant" one, for Eastern Orthodox churches have been members since the WCC's founding in 1948.

The book notes the increasing attention given to the council by the Roman Catholic Church. The book does not gloss over significant differences, ranging from the role of the pope to the legitimacy of birth control, which inhibit the Vatican's full recognition of the council. Yet, since 1965 a joint working group has met annually. Roman Catholic consultants have served on the WCC staff. The Vatican makes nominations to position on the WCC Faith and Order commission. Both entities cooperate on such social matters as health care, refugee service, and human rights.

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Every-Day Matters

By Patricia Nakamura

NO ONE BUT YOU: Living Your Call in an Ever-Changing World. By Richard Gribble, CSC. Ave Maria. \$12.95 paper. Pp. 224. ISBN 0-87793-977-2.

Written by a Roman Catholic priest but about and for "the vocation of the every-day Christian," *No One But You* offers stories of faith and work of people we haven't heard of,



and some we have: Leonardo da Vinci, Harriet Tubman, Alexander Solzhenitsyn, Annie Sullivan — and the Four Horsemen: Elmer, Harry, Jim and Don. Each story ends with a question for meditation or discussion, a scripture verse, and a prayer.

ON-THE-JOB SPIRITUALITY: Finding God in Work. By Marianne E. Roche. St. Anthony Messenger. \$10.95 paper. 156 pages. ISBN 0-86716-456-5.

The author, an attorney and retreat leader, recommends keeping a notebook or a journal while using the book's first three sections — Work as Prayer, Overcoming Personal Barri-



ers, Confronting Cultural Opposition to accomplish the fourth — Creating a Personal Spirituality of Work. Each brief chapter ends with "reflection questions and implementing practices." From "Christ's Work: If Jesus were living his life on earth today, what do you think his work would be, and how would he conduct that work?"

LIFE@WORK on LEADERSHIP. Edited by Stephen R. Graves and Thomas G. Addington. Jossey-Bass. \$19.95. Pp. 275. ISBN 0-7879-6420-4.

The editors' choice of Old Testament passage describing a leader is this from Psalm 78: "And David shepherded them with integrity of heart; with skillful



hands he led them" — his people, not his sheep. There are essays on Servant Leadership, Ambition, Charisma, Politics, and Faith by well-known "leadership authors." Each is followed by a Reflections box, "a place for you to take action based on what you've read."

THE MAXWELL LEADERSHIP BIBLE: Lessons in Leadership from the Word of God. Thomas Nelson Bibles. Pp. 1616. \$34.99. ISBN 0-7852-5688.



A resource to challenge and encourage those who aspire to lead. John Maxwell has a big vision for developing leaders. The 21 Laws of Leadership, the 21 Qualities of a Leader,

and others of his teachings are included in this volume of the New King James Bible to support this contention: the Bible is the greatest book on leadership ever written. (JES)

SUBVERTING GREED: Religious Perspectives on the Global Economy. Paul F. Knitter and Chandra Muzaffar, editors. Orbis Faith Meets Faith Series. \$20 paper. Pp. xiv & 193. ISBN 1-57075-446-2.



Scholars from across the world discuss globalization from their various traditions, arranged in, probably, chronological order: African Igbo, Hindu, Buddhist, Confu-

cian, Jewish, Christian, Muslim. Each chapter offers questions for discussion and suggestions for further reading. The bibliography of authors cited runs from Kofi Annan, Marcus Borg, and John Dominic Crossan to Thich Nhat Hanh, Kathleen Staudt, and Michael Zweig. It's serious, intense reading and might just save those "one member in five of our human family ... living in abject poverty."

OLDER PEOPLE AND THE CHURCH. By Ian S. Knox. Continuum. Pp. 296. No price given, paper. ISBN 0-567-08882-0.

This is the proverbial "must have" for every church library. This thoughtful study from England asks, What is old age? What is ageism? and explores what older people think about the church as well as what they can do for the church. Good on why many older people do not attend church.

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St. Louis Cathedral Secretary Fatally Stabbed

'Miss Carol' was well known for her commitment to helping the homeless.

A secretary known for her compassion and advocacy on behalf of the homeless was fatally stabbed Dec. 19 after a brief altercation at Christ Church Cathedral in St. Louis. A homeless man is in custody.

Carol Bledsoe, 64, a cathedral staff member for four years, was often the first person encountered when others sought assistance. She was instrumental in organizing the annual Christmas dinner for the homeless and also the editor of *What's Up Magazine*, a publication which the area poor sold on street corners. To regulars she was "Miss Carol," a reliable friend in times of need.

Details remain incomplete from the incident, but police told *The St. Louis Post-Dispatch* Ms. Bledsoe was inside her first-floor office in the early after-

noon when she heard a loud commotion outside in the hallway. She had rules prohibiting the use of obscene language or rude behavior inside the cathedral, and when she went to investigate she was attacked. She returned to the office and told a coworker she thought she might have been stabbed. Moments later she collapsed into the arms of building manager Jim McGahey. He tried unsuccessfully to stop the bleeding and Ms. Bledsoe died on her way to the hospital.

Police soon arrested her alleged assailant, a 45-year-old man found outside the cathedral. When interviewed by police, he was incoherent and talking to himself. His name has not been released. Although not considered to be among the regular group of men who participate in a morning breakfast program operated by the cathedral, others interviewed by police claim to have recognized him as the same person who was involved in an altercation earlier in the week.

Soon after police began to secure the crime scene many street people who were fond of "Miss Carol" began to gather and comfort each other. The *Post-Dispatch* reported that "several stormed away angrily pounding fists into the air or kicking at the sidewalk after they learned the identity of the victim."

"I don't know what to say," the Very Rev. Ronald Clingenpeel, dean of the cathedral told a congregation of about 150 who gathered the following evening for a prayer service. "All I know is that it hurts."

Former Dean Admits to Misuse of Church Funds

The former dean of Grace and Holy Trinity in Kansas City has resigned and renounced his ordination vows after he admitted that he had improperly spent more than \$100,000 in church funds over the past six years. In an unrelated matter, Dennis J.J. Schmidt is also under a Jackson County Circuit court order not to stalk or otherwise disturb a man who claims Mr. Schmidt made advances toward him and tried to force his way into his apartment.

Last year ABC-TV broadcast nationally an ecumenical Christmas Eve service from the cathedral. This year a committee of church leaders concluded that Mr. Schmidt had written checks from his discretionary account that were not for "pious or charitable purposes." Albert P. Mauro, senior warden of Grace and Holy Trinity, told *The Kansas City Star* that the cathedral will not press criminal charges because Mr. Schmidt has resigned and Mr. Schmidt said he will make restitution with proceeds

from the sale of his home.

paid back the misappropriated money.

"It is with deep shame that I confess to you that I have broken your trust and faith, wrote Mr. Schmidt in a letter to the cathedral congregation. "While I remain in therapy and work toward healing, this in no way excuses my lack of judgment and proper control."

Mr. Schmidt said he will use proceeds from the Jan. 10 sale of his home in order to make restitution. The sale will exhaust their savings, Mr. Schmidt said.

"My prayer is that you will honor the severance agreement so that we may be able to move and survive and that I may continue therapy and find a job," Mr. Schmidt wrote. "I do not deserve anything after breaking my trust with you, yet I ask this for the sake of my wife and son."

In a development which Mr. Mauro told the *Star* was unrelated to his resignation, Chad M. Carr applied to the court for the protective order against Mr. Schmidt last August. Mr. Carr alleged that Mr. Schmidt had stalked him from June until shortly before he applied for the protective order. Mr. Schmidt denied the allegations, but consented to the order which was signed Aug. 30.

The Rt. Rev. Barry R. Howe, Bishop of West Missouri, placed Mr. Schmidt on leave last August. His resignation was made effective from Sept. 30. The Rev. James Hubbard, formerly interim rector of St. John's Church in Roanoke, Va., has been named interim dean for the next 18 months.

Pilot Program May Smooth Bumps for Young Clergy

A new \$1.6 million, five-year pilot program in the Diocese of Chicago will allow clergy a gentle entry into the priesthood. "Making Excellent Disciples" will address a concern that new priests are often unprepared to be rector of a parish immediately after graduating from seminary.

Both interested churches and clergy must apply for the 25 available positions in which newly ordained clergy will spend their first two years in a mentoring congregation under the supervision of an experienced rector. For the remaining three years candidates will be coached from the side as they assume responsibility for a congregation of fewer than 150 active members. The program will begin in 2003.

The goal of the program is twofold, according to the Rev. Canon Jim Mathes, canon to the ordinary. He told *The Daily Herald* of Arlington Heights, Ill., that young men and women will gain a more realistic idea of church leadership before they are forced to face it alone, and eligible churches that could not afford to hire one on their own receive an assistant rector.

The program was made possible by Lilly Endowment, Inc. It is the largest Transitions in Ministry Program grant by the foundation to date.



Diane Sawyer and Charlie Gibson open an ABC-TV "Good Morning America" 50state tour at historic St. Michael's Church in Charleston, S.C., on Nov. 13. The cohosts toured the inside of the church and interviewed staff, but most of the segments that aired were from outside the church.

BRIEFLY ...

Upholding biblical norms in sexual relationships is first order issue for the church, according to a statement drawn up and signed by Anglican bishops, clergy and laity from around the world. The **All Souls' Day Group** released its statement Dec. 17. Among those in accord with the statement are five primates, two diocesan bishops of the Episcopal Church (the Rt. Rev. John Howe of Central Florida and the Rt. Rev. James Stanton of Dallas).

An **Anglican priest in Australia** was in serious but stable condition after four sliding partition walls weighing about 400 pounds each collapsed on Dec. 16 shortly before a morning service was about to begin at a church near Perth. The Rev. Nancy Scott and another woman were pinned underneath the walls for about 10 minutes before rescue workers, who were alerted when the other woman used her cellular telephone to summon help, arrived. Ms. Scott had to be revived by the rescue workers after she stopped breathing.

The Rt. Rev. John Flack, Bishop of Huntingdon in the Church of England, has been named director of the Anglican Centre in Rome and the archbishop's representative to the Holy See. Bishop Flack will succeed the Rt. Rev. Richard Garrard, who retires in April.

Beliefnet has chosen two CDs by Episcopal choirs for honorable mention in its **Virtual Choir Festival**. The website (beliefnet.com) is a "multifaith e-community" offering meditations, columns, and more from dozens of sources. Among the 12 recordings on its list are those of Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral, Kansas City, Mo., and St. Paul's Cathedral, Buffalo, N.Y.

The Church of England could be forced to pay an additional U.S. \$5 million a year if a proposal to change **music licensing fees** becomes law. The Rt. Rev. Richard Chartres, Bishop of London, told the House of Lords that places of worship would not continue to be exempt from paying fees for staging certain benefit concerts. The bill would require churches to purchase a license for as much as \$800 and then pay annual fees of as much as \$250.



Trinity Commons:

Diocese and Cathedral Working Together in Cleveland

By Steve Waring

When the Cuyahoga River caught fire in 1969, it seemed to some as though the truth about the city of Cleveland, Ohio, was actually funnier than any of the endless number of jokes the rest of the country was fond of telling at its expense at that time.

In recent years the city has invested heavily to improve its quality of life to the point where today many insiders consider Cleveland to be one the best cultural secrets in America. Count the Rt. Rev.

J. Clark Grew II, Bishop of Ohio, and the Very Rev. Tracey Lind, dean of Trinity Cathedral, among them. Together they helped coordinate a \$9.8 million capital project to connect the cathedral and diocesan headquarters. Trinity Commons, an environmentally friendly oasis in a gentrifying downtown district, was unveiled at diocesan convention Nov. 8.

"I don't consider myself to be a bricks-and-mortar guy," said Bishop Grew. "I'm more of a mission-witness

type of person, but this is something that I've been dreaming about since I've been here. We wanted to make a statement to the diocese and renew our witness to the city as well. This is an example of the way a diocesan headquarters and a cathedral are supposed to behave — together."

Although united in the desire to create a shared physical composition, the project faced formidable architectural and conceptual obstacles. Trinity Cathedral is a neo-Gothic limestone structure completed in 1890 with help from and endowed in part by contributions from wealthy industrialists. The diocese did not move into the adjacent brick structure, a non-descript former furniture factory built early in the 20th century and renamed Church

House, until the 1960s. Even more significant than physical considerations was the concept of synergy. Historically, cathedrals and diocesan headquarters have shared space as a matter of accident. Largely unexplored was whether synergy actually exists. Each situation is unique, but after studying their own circumstance, the Diocese of Ohio believed that together they could create a 21stcentury version of a medieval *piazza*, the town square that is often found in front of the great European cathedrals.

"A *piazza* is a place of welcome and hospitality," wrote Dean Lind in a since widely circulated column from the Eeb. 28, 2000 cathedral newsletter.

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Opposite page: Two views of the piazza.

Below: Dean Lind in the main stairway of the commons overlooking the cathedral.

"[A *piazza* is a place] of energy and diversity; of public debate and discourse; of learning and service; of life, faith and spirituality in its fullness; and that, I believe, is the God-given mission and vocation of an urban cathedral."

Dean Lind said her newsletter column was actually a product of years of thought first conceptualized in an essay she wrote during the discernment process leading to her being called as dean. The concept of a *piazza* is symbolized in a terrazzo, a dramatic tile floor mosaic located at the entrance to the common area. The decision to name the new building Trinity Commons also came about through a long process of deliberation and serendipity.



"The simple answer is that the name came from God," she wrote in the April 2002 issue of the newsletter. "God said, 'Call this campus Trinity Commons,' and so it was. The name suggested a place for coming together, a crossroads, a public space."

Dean Lind went on to say that, according to environmental economist Jonathan Rowe, the word "commons" evokes a physical location that "all of us typically use without toil or price. The atmosphere and oceans,

languages and cultures, the stores of human knowledge and wisdom..." are examples of ways in which human beings can connect with something greater than themselves.

Part of the \$9.8 million project cost went toward a complete interior renovation using state-of-theart design and equipment in the diocesan offices. Another part was devoted to needed maintenance

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work of the cathedral. The most significant sum went toward planning and construction of the building which now connects the two structures.

The number of Americans who have never set foot inside a church is growing, according to Bishop Grew. The point at which the anticipated benefits of the joint venture exceeded its costs was when they began to explore ways in which Trinity Commons could perhaps establish a connection between the church and that community.

The new 11,000-square-foot, roughly L-shaped building is attached to the back of Church House



The tile floor mosaic at the main entrance of Trinity Commons.

Below: The Rt. Rev. Arthur B. Williams, Jr., retired Bishop Suffragan of Ohio, and his wife, Lynette, outside the commons.

and the left side of the main cathedral worship area. The entire project is an attempt to emphasize shared use of space and minimize territorial lines. A small courtyard between the cathedral and the diocesan office building in the front has been rebuilt into a landscaped courtyard with the *piazza*

motif laid out in the brick pavement. During good weather, visitors will be able to sit in the courtyard and savor gourmet coffee and food bought from the soon-to-open Café Ah-Roma located in the ground floor of what used to be the diocesan office building. The ground floor area also will have the Sacred Path Books and Art (a diocesan-owned bookstore) an arts gallery and a third retailer vet to be determined. The new addition itself contains a center for performing arts, state-ofthe-art conference facilities, classrooms, general purpose rooms and a youth hostel designed with church youth groups in mind.

"The possibilities for creativity and collaboration are seemingly endless," said Dean Lind. "Cleveland is a city experiencing a *renaissance*, and we want to connect with that."





Lay Preachers Get Active with the Word

By Sylvia Duncan

"I t is my turn to preach on Sunday," I told a friend. "Preach?" she inquired, astonished.

"Yes, some of the parishioners at St. John's take turns discussing the lessons on the weeks we do not have a priest scheduled," I replied.

"That's quite a responsibility," she said.

I thought about it after she left. It is a responsibility, yet it has provided my fellow lay preachers and me the chance to study the Bible and the Book of Common Prayer with new intensity. My Bible is dogeared now. I had to tape up Mark and Luke, and the pages of Isaiah are getting a bit thin. This was the Bible that had previously sported untouched pages still uncut at the edges. My prayer book lectionary pages are marked with my initials in many places. My previous Bible reading had been daily meditations and the well-known stories I studied when I wrote Sunday school curriculum for preschool children. I had not read the Bible in depth before my speaking opportunities arrived.

The audience that hears my message is small and uncritical.

St. John's does not have filled pews. Urban change has thinned out our membership. The original church was located at the corner of Dolman and

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Hickory streets in St Louis and dates back to 1841. The steeple was destroyed in an 1896 tornado, and many parishioners relocated because of the damage to their homes. The church moved to its present location on Arsenal Street in 1907. Our funds are low now, our building old and always in need of repair, but the congregation prides itself on its spiritual strength, and it has come with our deeper participation in the services.

A few of us began this ministry about five years ago when an urban partnership program spread our priests a little thin and we were called to participate. Since that time, our full-time priest retired. We now engage a part-time retired priest, the Rev. William Baker, to celebrate twice a month. He is fully supportive of our taking turns at preaching. When I said apologetically, "We don't go into the pulpit," he replied, "Go to the pulpit." His excellent sermons twice a month keep the lay preachers on track and give us continuity and the depth of understanding we need to prepare our own talks.

Norma McMillan is totally blind. She is a city dweller, the mother of two adopted daughters. She is a champion of the poor and underserved. In the week before she delivers a sermon, I read the lessons to her. She mulls them over and delivers her talks with poise and clarity of purpose. Her favorite Bible character is Mary Magdalene. She stressed this message on Easter Day: "Do not take the forgiveness of our sins for granted."

Dale Cannon takes the theologian's approach. He recalls thundering out words from Genesis, then stressing the idea that yes, God was the Creator, but we have the power to create ourselves and our own lives on a daily basis. I still remember his description

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of the steps of the temple when his readings were about the moneychangers. His love of history gives us a new perspective of the life and times of Jesus. His wife, Christine, our senior warden, says his sermons always come down to the golden rule and they do, but with a rich approach. He maintains our church website and sometimes uses that as a forum for his thoughts.

Henry Taber is the father of five and is a Cub Scout leader. He wears his uniform on Scouting Sunday. He prepares his Sunday presentations thoroughly by visiting websites, searching links to other translations and interpretations. Henry is fascinated by the variety of approaches to the gospel readings. His research helps him bring together his own thoughts. He recollected what he called a "witness" sermon when he spoke of his brother's belief in the power of prayer. It gave Henry new insight.

Other church members have preached once, on a particular passage of the Bible, and then have been content to sit back until the urge to preach hits them again. We are filled with strong interest when a newcomer takes the preaching stance.

Lay preaching has sparked some strong discussions in our small parish. We talk more of our spiritual goals. After a sermon of mine about keeping a prayer journal, church members asked me to tell them more about my methods. I was encouraged to present a weekend workshop on keeping a spiritual journal. I enlisted three friends to help me. My preaching experience gave me the courage to do this.

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We raised \$800 for St John's through that event. The positive feedback about prayer journaling changed that sermon from spoken words to prayer activity.

I have been on the preaching roster since we began. My turn to speak occurs about every two months. I am now aware of the flow and continuity of the messages. I used to await the Sunday bulletin to read and listen to the lessons and psalm appointed for that week. Now I look ahead to see what is coming up. The challenge for me is to think about how I would approach that same set of lessons.

It is a responsibility, yet one rewarded with many benefits. Lay preachers see that when we pull together and contribute, it helps keep our own faith on active status. We have been given the opportunity to speak to others of deepest beliefs, and of prayer life. It is a rich opportunity open to anyone who cares to sign up to do it.

Sylvia Duncan is a member of St. John's Church, St. Louis, Mo.



Prison Ministry Network photos

Top: The main gate, Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola. **Bottom:** the Christmas service moved from the chapel to the cafeteria for a larger congregation.

A Chapel Behind Bars

By Val Hymes

Preparation for the Holy Eucharist at the Chapel of Transfiguration requires significantly more time and planning than most Episcopalians are accustomed.

Before the Rev. Michael G. Hackett can even enter the chapel, he must first go to a visitors' center to be checked for drugs by a trained dog. Deacon Hackett leaves his credit cards, money and

extra keys in his locked car, then proceeds on to the guard house, checks his maps and cell phone in a locker, and picks up his volunteer chaplain's card.

He is now inside the gates of Angola State Prison in Louisiana, named by a plantation owner after the African Deacon Hackett is joined in the chapel by a priest, about 50 members of a ministry team carrying a church in a box, anywhere from 95 to 160 inmates.

country from which his slaves came. After the Civil War, it was gradually converted into a prison which had a reputation for brutal guards and severe overcrowding in the 1970s.

First-time worshipers from the outside must submit their Social Security numbers and birth dates a month in advance. Services are held on the first Tuesday of the month. Typically Deacon Hackett is joined in the chapel by a priest, about 50 members of a ministry team carrying a church in a box, anywhere from 95 to 160 inmates.

The altar is dressed by members of the diocesan Altar Guild. The vessels and acolyte vestments, which had to be screened first for their potential as weapons, are fetched from a store Digitized by



Bishop Jenkins (left) distributes communion to inmate James R. Smith; a lay team member (right) shares a hymnal with an inmate.

room. And other team members, like Deacon-in-Charge Charles deGravelles, prepare for the Eucharist, which is celebrated by rotating priests in the Diocese of Louisiana.

The congregation was planted by the diocese in 1999 as a mission similar to those found at colleges. In 2000, the Rt. Rev. George E. Packard, Bishop for Armed Services, Healthcare and Prison Ministries, confirmed six inmates. The number of confirmands has since increased to 43. Transfiguration has a vestry (advisory committee) made up of six inmates and six "outmates," as the team ministry members are dubbed.

"Our new bishop that year, the Rt. Rev. Charles E. Jenkins, took it to the annual convention and drafted a special canon that was adopted by the convention," said Deacon deGravelles.

"The whole diocese is behind it," said Katherine Martin, a team member.

The inmates serve as acolytes and lay readers and soon will be certified as Lay Eucharistic Ministers.

It all started as a lock-down ministry 12 years ago. In 1990, Deacon deGravelles, a member of Trinity Church, Baton Rouge, began taking the pre-consecrated elements of the Eucharist to the prison.

He said he found there were only six declared Episcopalians in the prison population of 5,000, but he persisted. "The Lord was calling me to minister to these men," he said. And he began to visit other inmates.

One day, inmate James R. (Ricky) Smith, a cradle Episcopalian, asked about the possibility of holding services behind bars.

"I met with the head chaplain," recalled Deacon deGravelles. "It only took a couple of months to work out the details."

Now every month, the prison chaplain gets an e-mail from Deacon Hackett, listing all of the items and people who will take part during the celebration inside.

The lists usually include 50 or more people, an altar cross and linens, vestments, incense, prayer books and Bibles, a church banner and pole, guitars and amps, scripture cards, music, a cello and cello case, music stands, a wheelchair for a team member, communion wafers and alcohol-free wine.

Perhaps because of the extensive security precautions,

there have been no serious problems during the services, only occasional arguments between inmates and, even more rarely, an approach to one of the women volunteers. The deacons say they have no trouble reminding the men that church is not the place for that.

"Anyone who goes to these services marvels at the spirit present," said Deacon deGravelles. "They are deeply moved. For us, it's a very powerful ministry, meeting Christ on his terms."

The team members are now planning three simultaneous services in the main prison complex, which houses 2,500 men, and at two of the five "outcamps" or "miniprisons" with 2,600 inmates.

Volunteer chaplains as a rule do not inquire into the nature of inmate crime, but inmate Smith has become increasingly involved as a member of Transfiguration and

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will likely remain so until he is eligible for parole in 2014. He and six others are enrolled in an education program run by the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary at Angola that will earn him an associate degree in ministry. Then he will be trained as a Lay Eucharist Minister.

"From the very first Episcopal service I attended, I felt like I belonged," said inmate Roy McClelland. "I know I have found a new me, someone I like and the Lord can love."

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FROM THE EDITOR

What's Brewing in Quincy?



A few of us have been pondering how, and whether, to celebrate our 125th anniversary. Having a magazine continue for 125 years is a major accomplishment, but it's not like reaching 150 or 200. While we've been thinking about this, we've been upstaged by the Diocese of Quincy, which is also celebrating its 125th year. Those folks in the Illinois diocese know how to celebrate. Their answer? Beer. Yes, beer, the malt beverage consumed in great quantities worldwide. The Diocese of Quincy brewed its own beer.

An explanation is in order. As part of the celebration of its 125th year, eight different beers have been brewed by a Peoria, Ill., brewery, each of them named for one of the eight bishops of Quincy. The John S. Rhodell firm brewed the eight beers in limited quantities — 120 bottles of each.

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"It started out with my wife and I talking about how to celebrate our 125th," Bishop Keith Ackerman of Quincy recalled. "We wanted to do something that would be fun. This tends to be a happy, upbeat diocese. We're like a family. We don't do well with somber things."

A few days later, on June 29, Bishop Ackerman, his wife, Jo, and others were on a paddleboat cruise on the Illinois River to celebrate the bishop's eighth anniversary of consecration. When the boat sailed past the brewery, the possibility of brewing a bishop's beer was raised.

"I decided once I got off the boat I wanted to see what this brew pub was all about," Bishop Ackerman said.

What it was about was that the brewery worked with the diocese to produce the beers. "We determined the types of beers," the bishop said, and his secretary and a canon designed the labels, each of which has a photo of the bishop for whom it's named.

The labels are a story themselves. There's Parsons Porter, honoring the Rt. Rev. Donald Parsons, the sixth bishop, who actually got involved in the brewing process for his porter. It's described as "having a good head." Bishop Francis W. Lick-

field (No. 5) is portrayed by Lickfield Lager. Essex Extra Special Bitter honors Bishop William L. Essex (No. 4), and MacBurney Scotch Ale recalls the seventh bishop, the Rt. Rev. Edward H. MacBurney. Even Bishop Ackerman has his own brew: Ackerman Amber Ale. "It's effervescent," said the bishop.

Don't try to buy any of these special beers. They're not for sale. "We're not allowed by law to sell it," Bishop Ackerman said. "People have called and asked how they can get some." With only 120 bottles of each, they're in short supply. Bishop Ackerman has given some to the families of the deceased bishops and others to bishops still with us. He's also given some to persons who have contributed to the diocese and to the capital campaign to rebuild St. John's Church, Quincy, after its disastrous fire last summer. "And when I get together with friends, I may serve some," Bishop Ackerman said.

What about the dangers of alcohol? "I'm mindful of that," said the bishop, who has alcoholism in his family history. "The emphasis has been not so much on the beer as on the fun, so this is low alcohol."

There is certainly precedent for churchrelated institutions to be involved with beer. Many English churches have been known to serve, or brew, their own beer. And Belgian monks have brewed some of the world's best brews. There's even a patron saint of brewers, Arnulf (Arnold) of Metz, who died in 640.

As somewhat of an aficionado of microbrews, I'm anxious to test the Quincy beers, but I really don't want to open the bottles. I'll probably mellow a bit and organize a tasting for our staff. After we've finished our work, of course.

> David Kalvelage, executive editor Digitized by

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The Church of St. Mary the Virgin is the only church in Gardner, Ore.

Quote of the Week

William A. Donahue, preside of the New York-based Cath League for Religious and Cin Rights, on the likelihood that an increasing orthodox by the Roman Catholic Chur would result in exodus of membership: "If they wan to move to the tow-away zone of the Episcopal churc down the street, good riddance to them." We remind our readers that publishing an article as a Viewpoint does not indicate that we support the position of the author.

We offer those articles as legitimate points of view held by members of the church.

Our Choices to Publish

The letters to the editor in this issue are reflective of the reactions we received from publishing "Letter to an Alpha Friend" by Matthew Lawrence [TLC, Dec. 12]. The article generated more feedback than any we have published during the past decade. The letters published are typical of the large number sent to us. Some readers were moved to send entire articles, refuting the author point by point. We do not have the space to include all submissions, but correspondents should know that all letters and articles were read in their entirety and their contents taken into consideration.

We remind our readers that publishing an article as a Viewpoint does not indicate that we support the position of the author. We offer those articles as legitimate points of view held by members of the church. We are pleased to be able to offer a forum in which various opinions may be presented, and we are grateful that so many persons choose to participate in the discussions.

Baptism and Anointing

In most of our churches, anointing with oil has become part of the baptismal rite. The 1979 prayer book restored the use of oil, known as chrism, which gives sacramental expression to the invisible anointing by the Holy Spirit at baptism. Following baptism by water, oil is applied in the sign of the cross on the person's forehead. Oil has been used in baptisms since the second century. It is mentioned as a symbol of baptism in several places in the New Testament, and there are references in the Old Testament to anointing as a ceremony expressing kingship or high priesthood, and sometimes prophecy. Through this anointing, we share in the royal priesthood of Jesus. On this Sunday after the Epiphany, when baptism is so important a theme, it is appropriate to consider the importance of oil.

This holy chrism consists of olive oil, to which one or more aromatic fragrant substances has been added. The oil is blessed by the bishop, either at the visitation to a parish, or in some dioceses, during a Holy Week liturgy at the cathedral. In the latter case, small quantities of the oil are then taken back to the local parish. If the bishop is performing the baptism, the oil may be blessed at that time. Chrism conveys our sharing in the gift of the Spirit and our union with Christ as well as affirming the priesthood of all believers. It should help to make us aware that we are sealed by the Holy Spirit in baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

Strength of the Church

Four times a year it is our practice to publish an issue which we hope will be of particular interest to clergy, wardens, vestry members, conveners of parish committees, and others who deal with the ongoing management of the local church. These Parish Administration Issues are published because we believe the life of the church is what takes place week by week in our congregations. In these churches Episcopalians gather to worship, to receive the sacraments, to learn, and to be strengthened for Christian life and witness. It is in the parish where such ministries as evangelism, stewardship and pastoral care are most effective. We hope this issue, and similar ones published in March, June and September, will be a resource for many and a source of information to all.



Rethinking

'Ministry of All the Baptized'

By John D. Alexander

In today's Episcopal Church, the notion that baptism confers the call to ministry has become almost a point of dogma. One can hardly open a church magazine or periodical without encountering *ad nauseum* repetition of such buzz-words as "mutual ministry," "total ministry," and "the ministry of all the baptized." So, with some trepidation, I propose to question whether this language offers the best description of either baptism or ministry.

One of my seminary professors once made the incisive observation that the church has always struggled to find language adequate to express both what is common to all its members and what is unique to those who are ordained. In the evangelical Anglican tradition in which he was raised, it was customary within living memory to refer to all the faithful as "the priesthood of all believers" and to the clergy as "ministers." But now, he remarked, we've reversed that language. Instead of all being priests and some being ministers, now all are ministers and some are priests.

The Reformation's language of "the priesthood of all believers" was a reaction against the excessive clericalism of the Middle Ages. Later, under the influence of the Oxford Movement, Anglicans recovered a more catholic theology of holy orders and began once again to call those ordained to the presbyterate "priests."

Ironically, however, when this usage was becoming the norm in the Episcopal Church, the Roman Catholic Church was moving in the opposite direction. The documents of Vatican II speak of the baptized as a "royal priesthood," and of the ordained as the "ministerial priesthood." So now, even in the official language of Roman Catholicism, all are priests and some are ministers (or at least "ministerial priests"), much as in classical Reformed language.

The Roman Catholic Church and many Reformed churches continue to use the term "ministers" to refer not to all the baptized but specifically to those, whether lay or ordained, who have received a public commissioning, subsequent to baptism, to serve in some official capacity on behalf of the church. Only the Episcopal Church seems to have gone out on the theological limb of treating all the laity as ministers in virtue of baptism alone.

In the New Testament, the word "ministry" most often translates the Greek word *diakonia*, which originally meant waiting tables, and came to refer by extension to a variety of forms of service, from household chores to high public office. The New Testament writers use the word *diakonia* most frequently to designate the office and work of the apostles (e.g., Acts 1:17; 6:4; 20:24; 21:19; Romans 11:13; Second Corinthians 4:1). In a few cases, however, *diakonia* refers to the various ministries of all the members of the church (e.g., 1 Cor. 12:5; Eph. 4:12). And in at least one case, *diakonia* retains its original meaning of table service and household chores (Luke 10:40).

Too Restrictive

In this context, my problem with the phrase "ministry of all the baptized" is not that it emphasizes the dignity of the laity, but on the contrary that it's too restrictive. Endless talk about all the baptized being ministers tends subconsciously to reinforce the insidious notion that min-

istry is the church's only purpose. And such an implication reflects in turn a pervasive but impoverished view of the church as nothing more than a vaguely spiritual social services agency.

In the traditional understanding, by contrast, the church has three main purposes: to worship God; to make saints of its members; and to bring others to Christ. It follows that all the baptized share in this threefold mission by 1. attending church and participating in worship; 2. growing in grace and holiness through spiritual disciplines of worship, prayer, study and service; and 3. witnessing to Christ in the total conduct of one's life at home, at work, at school and at leisure.

In this view, *diakonia*, or service, is an important part of the baptized life, but only a part. The vocation of all the baptized is indeed highly exalted: "You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people ..." (1 Pet. 2:9). My contention is simply that exclusive use of the term "ministry" to describe this universal calling tends to collapse rather than expand our vision of the laity. For the baptized are called above all to holiness — a challenge that often includes but certainly goes way beyond a mere call to service.

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In the English language, the words "minister" and "ministry" bear connotations of public office, as in European government posts and departments: the "Minister of Foreign Affairs," the "Ministry of Agriculture." For this reason, it may be preferable to say that all the baptized share in the mission and work of the church, while some baptized persons are called to specific ministries furthering that mission and work. Such ministries, whether lay or ordained, generally require some form of explicit calling, setting apart, and public commissioning beyond that contained in the baptismal vows. And the term "minister" is perhaps best reserved to someone who serves in such a publicly recognized office on behalf of, and with accountability to, the whole community of faith, whether as lector, Sunday school teacher, acolyte, Altar Guild member, vestry person - or indeed as bishop, priest or deacon.

The story of Mary and Martha in Luke 10:38-42 helps us put our obsession with ministry into proper perspective. While Mary sits at Jesus' feet, her sister Martha is distracted with "much *diakonia*" — usually translated as "much serving" but also capable of the translation "much ministry." Martha says to Jesus, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve (minister) alone? Tell her then to help me." But Jesus replies, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her."

In the big picture, then, ministry is important but secondary to such pursuits as worship, prayer, contemplation, and growth in grace and holiness. These words of Jesus confirm that all the baptized are called to a total life of Christian discipleship entailing far more than just ministry.

The Rev. John D. Alexander is the rector of St. Stephen's Church, Providence, R.I.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Formidable Challenge

I wish Matthew Lawrence [TLC, Dec. 15] well in his commitment to evangelize and promote church growth with the gospel according to Crossan, Borg and Spong, however formidable a challenge that may be. I commend him for reminding us that Jesus died to take away our sins, not our minds.

At the same time, the author reveals a narrowness and a bias perhaps surprising in someone who obviously regards himself as a postmodern liberal and intellectual. He dismisses protestant evangelicalism as an obvious evil or weakness of the brain, failing to recognize it as one of the major traditions in Anglicanism.

Worse, Lawrence resorts to petty name-calling when he describes fellow Anglicans' "simplistic and discredited theology," "the classic errors of evangelical theology," and, perhaps most embarrassingly, "One cannot convert people to the truth by means of lies." Is this postmodern liberalism at its best? I hope not.

Lawrence's ministry on the great University of Michigan campus will continue to flourish and bear much fruit for the kingdom of God. What might surprise him is the fact that the ministry of Nicky Gumbel and Alpha is bearing even more. Perhaps there is room for both, after all.

(The Rev.) John Rollinson St. James' Church Clovis, N.M.

Fr. Lawrence's critique of Alpha offers the conclusion that the program is overly simplistic and relies on a theology discredited by the likes of Borg and Spong. I can think of no better endorsement for Alpha or for Nicky Gumbel. Having helped to lead several Alpha programs, I suggest that the program's "simplicity" is its greatest strength.



At the heart of Alpha's message is indeed the "discredited" notion that the person, teachings and ministry of Jesus are unique. Is Jesus the Way, the Truth and the Life? Rooted in 2,000 years of Christian orthodoxy, Alpha boldly and unabashedly teaches that he is, and that in his life, death and resurrection are to be found answers to all first-order ques-

tions. As St. Paul reminds us, that message is a stumbling block to some and folly to others. Apparently, it can also be an obstacle to Episcopal priests.

Claiming the title "evangelist," Fr. Lawrence assures us he proclaims the good news of Christ with passion Digitized by and conviction. If that good news is not the uniqueness of Jesus' atoning death, just what is it he proclaims with passion and conviction? If, as he suggests, all paths lead to God, why should he bother proclaiming Christ as opposed to salvation by omega fatty acids and, more importantly, why should we care?

David Golub Wayne, N.J.

Thank you for printing the Viewpoint article by the Rev. Matthew Lawrence. Much has been touted about the Alpha course since its introduction to Episcopalians several years ago. Fr. Lawrence, however, takes an honest look at the substance of the course — proof-texting and persuasive rhetoric.

Typical of such an approach, the Alpha course's attempt to indoctrinate new believers, or deepen the understanding of life-long believers, falls far short of the mark. The course does,

A Tight Squeeze

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In reference to the question, "What Would Jesus Drive?" [TLC, Dec. 8], it seems to me that he would choose a vehicle that seats 13 in order to include himself and the 12 disciples. What is more, given our Lord's penchant for reaching rough and remote locations, he would probably opt for a four-wheeldrive sport utility vehicle. Sure, it would be a tight squeeze, but still preferable to Peter's boat.

Personally, I have little regard for SUVs, and I support the goals of cleaner emissions, greater fuel efficiency, and less dependence on foreign oil. But members of the ecumenical coalition should be careful of the question they pose to the automotive executives. This one backfires!

(The Rev.) J. Donald Waring St. Thomas' Church Terrace Park, Ohio however, hold up the idea of knowing scripture, group study and community building. While this is commendable, the substantive material is simply mindless.

The basic confusion of such important ideas as "evidence" and "truth" is deeply disturbing and, as is so often the case of proof-texting, misses entirely the importance of faith.

Courses such as Alpha engage in a proof-texting reductionism which, although quite comfortable in uncertain times, would ask believers to suspend their faith rather than deepen it.

Let's hope that the Alpha course is not the omega.

Bruce J. Barber II Albuquerque, N.M.

While I haven't used the Alpha course, the nature of Fr. Lawrence's opposition to it is a prescription for despair. It's not only false, but shockingly arrogant in the mouth of a priest, to say that to be included among "educated people" you must use a critical method of thought based on doubt that undermines truth and "the reliability of scripture." The problem is that if you begin with doubt, there's no way out. Everything will always be in doubt. Everything is unreliable. There is nothing to stop you from doubting. Why should I trust Fr. Lawrence's "passion and conviction," and his "fresh proclamations of faith" today, when his own doubt will produce new passions and proclamations tomorrow?

> (The Rev.) Steven McClaskey Trinity Church Rock Island, Ill.

I appreciate Fr. Lawrence's decision to engage in conversation about Alpha, rather than dismiss it summarily without consideration. I would, however, be more willing to take his comments to heart if he were to do two things: 1. Offer something better and more effective than Alpha; 2. Visit a congregation like



"Well, it's admirable, bishop, but we don't think the donkey thing is going to make much of an impression with the SUV crowd."



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mine where Alpha has not only brought scores of unbelievers and marginal Christians into the full life of the church, but has also been a stepping stone to deeper discipleship and ongoing growth. Alpha is, of course, not all we do at my parish, and is just one component of a much larger discipleship and evangelistic strategy. Alpha may not be right for everyone, but in my parish God is using it to draw many to himself and for this I am deeply grateful.

(The Rev.) Andrew D. Buchanan Trinity Church Tariffville, Conn.

Matthew Lawrence's impression of the Alpha Course as "fundamentalist lite" is right on target. My first impression of Alpha was nice process; horrible content.

To explain Atonement, Alpha founder Nicky Gumbel uses an illustration from the book *Miracle on the River Kwai*, a true story of World War II POWs working on the Burma Railway:

"At the end of each day the tools

were collected from the work party. On one occasion, a Japanese guard shouted that a shovel was missing and demanded to know which man had taken it. He began to rant and rave, working himself up into a paranoid fury and ordered whoever was guilty to step forward. No one moved. 'All die! All die!' he shrieked, cocking and aiming his rifle at the prisoners. At that moment one man stepped forward and the guard clubbed him to death with a rifle while he stood silently at attention. When they returned to the camp the tools were counted again and no shovel was missing" (Nicky Gumbel, Questions of Life, p. 48).

Now that's a compelling story of noble sacrifice. But what kind of "God" does that story portray? A tyrant shouting, "All die! All die!" unless some innocent takes the punishment. Why would anyone love or want to follow a "God" who shrieks, "All die! All die!"?

The kind of religion that Alpha presents is the kind of religion most people in my part of the country are escaping from when they come to visit the

Episcopal Church. (The Rev.) Lowell Grisham St. Paul's Church

Fayetteville, Ark.

I was amazed to learn from Fr. Lawrence that most Episcopalians do not believe that "it is only through Jesus that we can enter into a salvific relationship with God." Was it the "living presence of the Holy Spirit" that revealed this to him? Perhaps a survey was taken and the Episcopalians I know missed it? It is

entirely possible to be a critical thinker, thoughtful of the faith of others, and believe in the "dangerously narrow" biblical claim that no one comes to the Father except through Jesus.

(The Rev. Canon) Donald L. Woodrum St. Luke's Church Live Oak, Fla.

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After reading the article, I could not determine who was the greater fundamentalist — Nicky Gumbel who, if he errs, errs on the side of scripture, or Matthew Lawrence who, if he errs, seems to rely upon the piety of unpromised faiths which are honored by humanity, even the collected wisdom of the majority of Americans.

While Alpha is not a primer for seminary, it is the milk on which the

Church of Jesus Christ has taught the faith to the uninformed for 2,000 years.

Contrary to Fr. Lawrence's claim of knowing the mind of "most Episcopalians," I would invite him to come to see the people in the pew who believe in the wonderful, simple news of the gospel that brings them hope and comfort in lives lived in great humility. And it is a gospel that is open and available to all, whether in New York City, Jerusalem, Tokyo, or in the diocese I am privileged to serve.

(The Rt. Rev.) James M. Adams, Jr. Bishop of Western Kansas Salina, Kan.

Nicky Gumbel does not claim to teach a class in theology. He plainly states the Alpha program is a "practical introduction to the Christian faith." Had it been offered years ago, I would not have had to wait until the age of 33 to become a Christian. I thank God Jesus did not require an IQ test before calling people into the kingdom.

> Helen B. Cordell Houston, Texas

Someone needs to tell God to stop blessing Alpha because of its faulty theology. We need to bring God into the loop before he mistakenly brings another person into a personal, passionate and productive relationship with his Son Jesus Christ.

> (The Rev.) Chuck Collins Christ Church San Antonio, Texas

Cheers to Matthew Lawrence for being brave enough to say what's true: Nicky Gumbel's Alpha does look distinctly like "fundie-light." However, I desire to take the discourse about Alpha a step further. That is, if we resolve Alpha is not the Anglican response that we desire, then what is?

The article states that the church's



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problem is a loss of its intellectual integrity. I disagree. The issue isn't thinking, it's being able to find a way in a world of 30-second sound bytes to articulate the depth of thoughtfulness in our faith.

The rub for me is that we don't offer certainty and quick answers, but rather we offer *metanoia* — conversion of life, an engagement with God in the mystical, not just the pietistic. The model that I desire to point to, rather than Alpha, is one that engages in the catechumenal process, the Anglican method of loving the questions and one that points to the depth and beauty of the liturgical tradition. That's complex and not easily simplified for marketing.

It seems obvious that Matthew

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The Office of Admissions NASHOTAH HOUSE 2777 Mission Road, Nashotah, WI 53058-9793 Lawrence is right. Alpha is not the way forward for Anglicans. Be that as it may, let's stop talking about how it's inappropriate and start talking about what we'd like to articulate. I want to challenge him, myself, and the entire Episcopal Church to articulate what it means to embrace scripture, tradition and reason, then to get that model out there with some charm, pizzazz and class. C'mon folks! Time's a-wasting. If not Alpha, then what?

> (The Rev.) George Anne Boyle St. Thomas' Church Medina, Wash.

If, as Matthew Lawrence asserts in his article, "Letter to an Alpha Friend," the death of the mainline churches is being "accelerated by their inability to think," it is only because the original cause of the decline is the loss of faithfulness by their adherents. If the majority of **Episcopalians and Americans believe** Christianity is "only one of many possible paths toward God," then God forgive us and turn our hearts for our unfaithfulness. When it comes to authority, it is better to trust scripture, the holy interpretation of the apostolic fathers, and the praverful mediation of the saints, rather than the deconstructionism of the modernist "scholarly" community. Thanks be to God that salvation is not rooted in being educated or intellectual but is a free gift of God through faith. Alpha may not be the solution for all parishes (it wasn't in my last parish), but the rejection of Jesus Christ as the way, the truth, and the life and the only name under heaven by which we can be saved is not a viable alternative.

(The Rev.). Steven J. Kelly, SSC St. John's Church Detroit, Mich.

In response to Matthew Lawrence and his Viewpoint article on Alpha, I have two "lite" suggestions. First it is obvious that he has neither done his homework on Alpha nor attended it. I hope he will do so. Second, as a chaplain at a major university, he has a wonderful "mission" opportunity to offer Alpha to college-age seekers who are ripe for small-group involvement.

> (The Rev.) Robert T. Jennings St. Francis in the Fields Church Harrods Creek, Ky.

What Do They Mean?

I am constantly amazed at the extent to which many modern bishops will reject the practice of the historic church or speak without understanding the simple implications of their words, sometimes both.

When the Bishop of Salisbury and president of Affirming Catholicism suggests [TLC, Dec. 8] that the church should not choose to have "tight boundaries" in which it asks those who would join "what they believe before it agrees to baptize them," I am left to wonder what he thinks is going on in the interrogation of the baptismal liturgy. This is a universal catholic practice and found in all Anglican prayer books (even the 1979; p. 302). In it the priest inquires into the candidate's beliefs to ensure that he truly affirms the catholic faith into which he is to be baptized. Perhaps in our Orwellian church where the likes of Spong can say they "affirm the creed," Affirming Catholicism means neither of the things which we common folk would understand by those words. *Christopher Hathaway*

Tallahassee, Fla.

It's Not Unusual

Having gone to school with the Rev. Michael G. Rowe, I can assure you that he is indeed a priest and rector in the Diocese of Maine [TLC, Dec. 22]. Being a product of St. John the Evangelist in Montreal, where we both served as acolytes before ordination, I would say that it is not unusual in those circles for a priest to take on the role of deacon and vest accordingly in a priest-deacon-subdeacon celebration of the Eucharist. That would explain the visual dissonance. Thank you for noticing.

> (The Rev.) Roger M. Robillard Trinity Church Highland Springs, Va.

I was interested in the discussion on the usage of stoles so I looked up what *Ritual Notes* had to say on the subject.

Para. 105 reads "The priest's stole is worn pendant over both shoulders above the surplice; but when used with the alb it is crossed over the breast and the ends are passed under the girdle.

"A deacon wears his stole over the left shoulder with the ends tied or fastened together under his right arm; and a priest, acting as a deacon, e.g. in High Mass, wears it in the same manner."

As the book was published in 1894, we can forgive the gender discrepancy with present-day practice.

> (The Rev.) Hugh Walton Church of the Nativity Indianapolis, Ind.

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Bishop Shimpfky of El Camino Real Takes Medical Leave

The Rt. Rev. Richard L. Shimpfky, Bishop of El Camino Real, announced Dec. 16 that he will take an immediate medical leave of absence and that upon his return in March he will call for the election of his successor.

In a brief interview with THE LIVING CHURCH the following evening, Bishop Shimpfky, 62, said he has been "sinking in a swamp of sadness" for quite some time and the realization that feeling was not going away prompted him to seek professional evaluation. During his medical leave, which was taken upon the recommendation of his doctor, he will seek treatment while remaining at home. The decision to seek early retirement was





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made independently of his medical diagnosis, he said.

"I've been a bishop now for almost 13 years," he said. "That is a long time by almost any standard. This is a wonderful



Bishop Shimpfky

diocese with good people capable of providing temporary leadership. We will get through this time together and emerge even stronger."

In 1997, Bishop Shimpfky was a finalist for election as Presiding Bishop. During his episcopacy he has been an effective advocate for stewardship and Hispanic ministries. The Diocese of El Camino Real, located roughly between San Francisco and Los Angeles, has one of the largest populations of Latino Episcopalians in the continental United States. Prior to his election as bishop, he was rector of Christ Church, Ridgewood, N.J. Under his leadership, the parish enjoyed consistent years of growth.

During the next 90 days, the Rev. Canon Jim Thomas, canon to the ordinary, will be responsible for the day-today management in consultation with an executive committee comprised of representatives from diocesan council, the standing committee, and corporation. The Presiding Bishop's office will continue to be involved through the presence of the Rt. Rev. F. Clayton Matthews, Bishop for the Office of Pastoral Development.

In a letter to the diocese, Bishop Shimpfky said he "was very anxious that everyone understand that he knows that he is dealing with a problem that is his own, but, at the same time, no illness can be entirely separate from systemic roots and that, for the sake of the future, there is very important work to be done in addressing the major issues of history, structure, and relationships in El Camino Real among diocesan bodies and people in authority; an address undertaken with a consultant specializing in systems development."

The standing committee **concurred** and has arranged for the **help of a con**sultant from the Alban Institute.

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Mission Imperatives

An ambitious plan for reinvigorating and redirecting the life, faith and work of the Diocese of **Chicago** won an overwhelming endorsement during diocesan convention Nov. 8-9 at a suburban hotel.

The plan, a proposal from the diocesan Strategic Planning Committee formed two years ago by Bishop William Persell, was adopted unanimously. One of six resolutions to come before the convention, the strategic plan establishes a vision for the diocese that promotes three mission imperatives — evangelism and lifelong Christian formation, vibrant ministries and congregations, and social justice, peace and abundant life in both the diocese and world.

In his introduction of the plan at the convention dinner, Bishop Persell emphasized the need for intentionality and vision in the work of the diocese. Noting the mission statement approved by convention two years ago, Bishop Persell pointed out that "a mission without a vision to give it velocity and motion will not move forward." The mission statement raises up the core work of the church: worship, study and fellowship, and calls for the church to be engaged in the world, he said.

Using input from congregations and diocesan committees and organizations, the Strategic Planning Committee came up with a vision that highlights three actions: change, build and strive.

All of the other five resolutions were adopted by convention though two one setting a minimum level of cash compensation and benefits for clergy and the other urging the U.S. government to work for peace in the struggle against terrorism—were amended slightly.

An amendment to a resolution on the U.S. war on terrorists failed after convention heard comments from several military veterans. Convention voted to remove the new wording, some of which condemned military action, and replace it with the phrase "and to work with the United Nations in finding solutions to international terrorism."

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Protestors Greeted with Hospitality

Members of a congregation that campaigns against the "homosexual lifestyle" were met with refreshments when they showed up Dec. 8 to picket Trinity Church in Bethlehem, Pa.

Trinity was one of a number of churches in Bethlehem targeted by the Westboro Baptist Church of Topeka, Kan., after the Bethlehem Council of Churches rebuked a local Baptist minister for suggesting that the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks were caused in part by the increasing tolerance of samesex unions. Westboro Baptist was started and continues to be run by the Rev. Fred Phelps. The Detroit Free Press estimated recently that Mr. Phelps and other members of his congregation have staged more than 20,000 protests in the past decade, including one at the funeral of Matthew Shepherd, an Episcopalian who was tied to a fence, pistol whipped and left for dead by two men he met in a bar.

Episcopal churches are a frequent demonstration target by members of Westboro Baptist, who often attempt to provoke violent counter-demonstrations. That effort was largely futile at Trinity.

"We welcomed them to Bethlehem, provided them with juice and cookies as part of our ministry of hospitality," said the Rev. Laura Howell, associate rector, in an interview with *The Express-Times* of Easton, Pa. "We're willing to welcome them as we welcome everybody here."

The Diocese of Kansas has extensive experience with picketers from Westboro, especially at St. David's Church, Topeka.

Readmittance May Lack Support in Cuba

Reports from a diocesan synod held Dec. 7 present conflicting internal accounts about the level of support reincorporation with the Episcopal Church enjoys among clergy in the Diocese of Cuba. Cuba, along with Venezuela and Puerto Rico, is one three dioceses seeking approval from General Convention next summer for either admittance or re-admittance as a diocese of the Episcopal Church.

From 1904 until 1967, Cuba was a missionary diocese of the Episcopal Church. In 1967, the U.S. House of Bishops made it autonomous and placed it under provincial oversight by a metropolitan council. The council consists of two archbishops and one bishop. One of the archbishops is the Canadian primate, the Most Rev. Michael Peers. The other is Archbishop Drexel Gomez of the West Indies, and the bishop is the Rt. Rev. Julio Cesar Holguin of the Dominican Republic. At its annual synod last February the Diocese of Cuba petitioned the Episcopal Church for interim reincorporation, but the chancellor of the Episcopal Church ruled that temporary incorporation is not possible.

The synod was called in order to pass an acceptable version of the resolution in time for General Convention to consider it when it meets July 30-Aug. 8. Before the measure came up for a vote by the Diocese of Cuba on Dec. 7, at least nine of 21 clergy present absented themselves apparently without stating why. One or two others asked to be excused because of illness. The withdrawal immediately raised a concern as to whether there remained a canonical quorum of clergy to consider the measure. After consultation with Archbishop Peers and others, the Rt. Rev. Jorge Perera Hurtado, Bishop of Cuba, determined there was a quorum and the vote proceeded successfully.

Oakland Priest Elected Bishop in Korea

The Rev. Andrew Shin, vicar of St. Patrick's Korean Mission, located at Church of Our Saviour in Oakland, Calif., was elected Nov. 7 as Bishop of Taejon, one of three dioceses in the autonomous Anglican Church of Korea.

Fr. Shin was elected on the first ballot. His consecration will take place at Taejon Cathedral Jan. 25. Bishop-elect Shin will be enthroned on March 1.

He was born in Korea, and was ordained by the Bishop of Taejon to the diaconate in 1969 and to the priesthood in 1970. Since 1984, Fr. Shin has been vicar of the Episcopal Korean Mission in the San Francisco Bay Area. He and his wife, Catherine, have two children.

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Deaths

John Kemper Cannon, 69, of Sanibel Island, FL, a well-known figure at recent General Conventions, died Dec. 15 in Fort Myers, FL, after suffering a stroke at his home a week earlier.

Mr. Cannon was a six-time deputy to General Convention from the Diocese of Michigan. He served as parliamentarian to the House of Deputies, a member of the Council of Advice to the president of the House of Deputies, and was chancellor to the president of the House of Deputies. He also served on the national Executive Council from 1973 to 1985 and was a member of several of the council's committees. He was also chair of the Board of Trustees of the Church Pension Fund and the Board of Archives. He was chancellor of the Diocese of Michigan for 20 years and was named chancellor emeritus. He was a graduate of Yale University and the University of Michigan Law School, Mr. Cannon is survived by his wife, Yolanda, two sons, two daughters, and five grandchildren.

The Rev. **Peter Laister**, rector of St. Clement's Church, Philadelphia, for seven years, died of cancer Oct. 24 in England. He was 75.

He was born in London, educated there, and served in the Royal Navy. He trained for the priesthood at St. David's College, Lampeter and went on to St. Stephen's House, Oxford. Following ordination as deacon in 1956 and priest in 1957, he served various congregations in the Diocese of London. He also served as a Navy chaplain, a hospital chaplain, and at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. He became rector of St. Clement's in 1986 and served there until 1993, when he returned to England. In recent years he served as a hospital chaplain, spiritual director and confessor.

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