

THE QUILL

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LENT STUDY AT ST. BEDE'S

I have been reading Dan Wakefield's critique of modern Christian expression, *The Hijacking of Jesus: How the Religious Right Distorts Christianity and Promotes Prejudice and Hate*. He notes, "Christianity in America has become almost synonymous with right-wing fanaticism, conservative politics, and — courtesy of Mel Gibson — a brutally sadistic version of the religious experience."

One of Wakefield's chapters is entitled, "The Wedges: Dividing to Conquer". We shall spend Lent looking at some of the issues that have been created by these "hijackers" in their attempt to define the expression of Christianity in America.

2/21: Framing the Issue
2/28: Evolution & Christian Faith
3/7: Stem Cells & Life
3/14: What IS Pro-Life?
3/21: What Sexuality is anti-Biblical?
3/28: The IRD & The Politicization of the Church

No book is required. However, Wakefield's book would prepare you for the class discussions. It is available at book stores or on-line.

The Hijacking of Jesus by Dan Wakefield, ©2006, Nation Books, New York, NY

BR. ROBERT, OHC TO PRESENT LENTEN REFLECTIONS

Br. Robert Sevensky, OHC, will return to St. Bede's on the weekend of March 17-18 to lead the Lenten Day of Reflection and to be our guest preacher on Sunday at both services. The Quill caught up with Br. Robert working in the monastery...

QUILL: What will the theme be?

BR. ROBERT: For the Quiet Day, I have been praying and keep coming back to something like "Psalms of the Season." The quiet morning will be a meditation on and with three psalms that play a central role in Lent and Holy Week: Psalm 51, the great psalm of penitence; Psalm 22, a psalm of abandonment; and Psalm 130, a psalm of waiting and of hope. I'll probably need a CD player.

Q: How will you structure our time together?

BR: We can gather at 9:00, have some time to visit with coffee, etc., and then I'll give a welcome and we can begin. I think given the brevity of the day, we will simply move in with some opening prayers or a simple form of MP to the first of the three reflections & suggestions for private time. At the end, we will have the opportunity for "sharing the fruits of the retreat" together at 1:00 in the shape of a brief closing service to end by 1:30.

Br. Robert is the Prior of Mt. Calvary Retreat House in Santa Barbara, CA, and is also the Director of Associates for the Order of the Holy Cross.

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THIS MONTH

Rector's Column
March Birthdays &
Anniversaries
Turkey & Greece '07
Lenten Study
Jeannette:
a Sacristan!
2nd Century Plans

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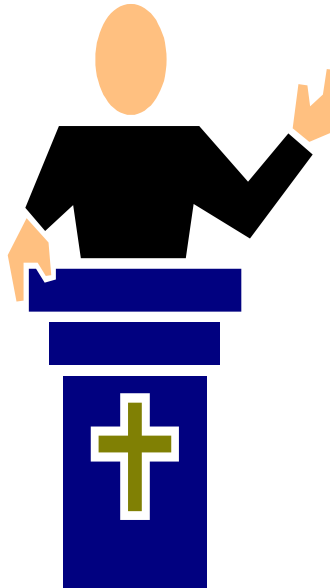
Dear Friends in Christ:

I want to correct one part of my column from last month. Our El Salvador project ended **THE YEAR** with the final check for just over \$3,600 going to **aid work being done in the Diocese of El Salvador**. At this point, I am in communication with Archbishop Barahona about the exact use of the money that we sent.

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I have been very concerned about the Primates Meeting in Tanzania. A "Primate" is the Bishop who heads one of the 38 Churches which comprise the Anglican Communion. The person who calls the Primates (and the Communion) together is the Archbishop of Canterbury — the "primus inter pares" (first among equals). The gatherings of Primates (periodically) and of all Anglican Bishops (every ten years) in the Lambeth Conference is convened by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Unlike the Roman Church, our chief Bishop has a "bully pulpit" but does not have Executive Authority over



the Church (or the Bishops). Similarly, the gatherings of Primates or Bishops may make statements offering their points of view (the teaching ministry of the Bishop), but their rulings cannot legislate the policies of any of the 38 constituent churches. For example, they could say "There is no theological reason that a woman may not be ordained a deacon, priest or bishop." but they could not pass a resolution forcing any of the Churches to actually ordain women — that is up to the various churches.

At the 1998 Lambeth Conference and again more recently at gatherings of Primates, the men (& now with an added woman) have sounded and acted like they want to assume juridical power — sort of like the Roman curia. I am not sure they should and I am certain that they legally (canonically) cannot. In The Episcopal Church, our triennial General Convention sets policy and enacts canons) and it is composed of Laity, Deacons & Priests and Bishops.

The Church exists in very different cultures and with the use of many languages. We have "One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism ... and One God and Father of all". Therein lies both the unity and the tension. We are not of one mind that has been dictated by a Pope .. That's what the reformation was all about. We exist in and are the cultural expression of our culture and language. We are also called to challenge our culture in its secularity and its selfishness.

Please pray for Bishop Katherine & Bishop Jon & our other Bishops as they meet this month. Please attend the Diocesan Ministry Fair (see p. 3) on Saturday, March 24, and/or come to the Rector's Forum between the services (at 9 a.m.) on Sunday, March 25.

The advances of the last 30 years are not going to be rolled back and The Episcopal Church is working and praying to discern the best way to live in the realities of the 21st Century.

Canon Jim Newman+ Rector

VITAL STATISTICS

Please Pray for:

Fr. Giles, Tina, Lois, Eugenia, Dulcie, Janet, Diane, Nabila, Harriet, Fr. John, Fr. Howard, Daniel, Joe, Wes, Kim, Ina, Frances, Peggy, Jeff, Sandy, Kelly, Dan, Ergun, Don, Caleb, Dennis

Visitors to the Parish:

Danny David, Lucy Goodman, Gary Towne, Glenda Hasley, Mark & Cathryn Wechsler, Carol & Dave Sandstrom, Robert Summers, Dorothy Harrington, Woodruff Adams, Tim Cove, Tracy & Phoebe King, Petra Uribe & Paul Collins, Devin Cotter & Alison Hutchins, Heather Green

March Anniversaries::

03/16 Dennis & Connor Winston
03/24 David & Evlynn Householder

March Birthdays:

03/07 Mike Olsen	03/23 Barbara Sands
03/08 Alice Short	03/24 Holly Thomas
03/10 Christophe Dugré	03/24 Jack Thomas
03/11 Eva Dugré	03/27 Mark Scott
03/13 Angus Mackay	03/27 Zane Householder
03/14 Daniel Mohler, III	03/28 John Thomas
03/14 Ana Maria Stenstrom	03/29 Harold Eaton
03/18 Kelly Zullo	03/29 Daniel Hartley
03/21 Diane Gandara	
03/21 Devin Beaulieu	

Michael Gallagher is coordinating a new ministry at St. Bede's. On the first Sunday of each month, Michael will lead a service directed to the 12-Step Community. Entitled, "Sought Through Prayer and Meditation", it is a "service of Recovery, Healing & Renewal". It will be held in Luther Hall — the Parish Hall — beginning at 7 p.m. For more information, talk to Michael or call him at 310-403-2408.

**MINISTRY FAIR 2007
THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION -
AFTER TANZANIA**

Featured speaker: Canon John Peterson
Secretary-General (ret.)
Anglican Consultative Council

Saturday, March 24; 9 am to 3:30 pm

Campbell Hall School
4533 Laurel Canyon Boulevard, North Hollywood

Program: Keynote Address-Eucharist-Lunch-
Small-group discussions with facilitators
Question-and-answer session

No charge, but box lunches will be available for \$8.
Registration is requested.
Forms are available in the narthex.

SISTERS OF BEDE VENUES

Many events have space and one may sign up by talking either to the host of the event or Samira Tamer. Please see the SoB board in the Parish Hall.

CORRECTIONS TO DIRECTORY

The Annual Report along with an updated parish directory was distributed on 1/21. You may pick up a copy from the office. Please see Michael Gallagher.

SECOND CENTURY FUND

2007 Wish List:

- ***a new sign for the corner of Grandview & Charnock
(THIS HAS BEEN PLEDGED)
- ***Columbarium
(THIS IS BEING PLANNED
& WILL BE FUNDED BY SUBSCRIPTION)
- ***new storage building
- ***new furnaces & office air-conditioning
- ***Repainting of the outside of the Church
- ***grand piano

About the keynote speaker:

The Rev. Canon John L. Peterson served until 2005 as Secretary General of the worldwide Anglican Communion, headquartered in London. The Anglican Communion Office is organized to provide support and counsel to the Anglican Consultative Council, the Primates Meeting, the Lambeth Conference and the role and person of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Before his appointment as Secretary General, Peterson was the Dean of St. George's College, Jerusalem, for 12 years. He is also the Anglican Canon at St. George's Cathedral in Jerusalem and is an Honorary Canon in the Cathedral Church of Christ, Canterbury, St. Michael's Cathedral, Kaduna Nigeria, All Saints, Mpwapwa, Tanzania, as well as, St. Dunstan's Cathedral, Benoni, South Africa. He is also an Honorary Canon of the Cathedral of Christ the King in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

He is now Canon for Global Justice and Reconciliation at Washington National Cathedral in Washington, D.C.. In this new position, Peterson has been charged with organizing a program of education, alliance building, resource gathering and communication to address the acute global issues of violence, poverty and disease.

MARCH LESSONS

SUNDAYS

- Mar. 4 — Lent 2 (JN):** Genesis 15.1-12,17-18; Ps. 27; Philippians 3.17-4.1; Luke 13.31-35
- Mar. 11 — Lent 3 (AH):** Exodus 3.1-15; Ps. 63.1-8; 1 Corinthians 10.1-13; Luke 13.1-9
- Mar. 18 — Lent 4 (RS, OHC):** Joshua 5.9-12; Ps. 32; 2 Corinthians 5.16-21; Luke 15.1-3,11b-32
- Mar. 25 — Lent 5 (GK):** Isaiah 43.16-21; Ps. 126; Philippians 3.4b-14; John 12.1-8

WEEKDAYS

- 3/7 — Perpetua & Companions (JN):**
Hebrews 10.32-39; Ps. 34.1-8; Matthew 24.9-14
- 3/14 — Wednesday in Lent 3 (JN):**
Deuteronomy 4.1-2,5-9; Ps. 78.1-6; Matthew 5.17-19
- 3/21 — Thomas Ken (JN):**
Philippians 4.4-9; Ps. 34.1-8; Luke 6.17-23
- 3/28 — Annunciation/tr. (JN):** Isaiah 7.10-14; Ps. 45; Hebrews 10.4-10; Luke 1.26-38

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We're on the Web!
www.stbedesla.org
Hear Sunday's Sermon!

SERVICES & CLASSES

SUNDAYS: 8 am, Holy Eucharist (no music)
10 am, Church School & Nursery
10 am, Holy Eucharist (w/choir)
6 pm, Evensong or Evening Prayer

TUESDAYS 10 am, Morning Prayer & Bible Study

WEDNESDAYS: 7 pm, Holy Eucharist & Healing
7:45 pm, Adult Class

TUESDAY BREAKFAST & BIBLE

Hosts:

3/06 NO CLASS 3/13 I. Klem, L. Jennison
3/20 J. Dahler, A. Haynes 3/27 J. Young, R. Miller

WEDNESDAY EVENING FORUM:

Lenten Series: The Hijacking of Jesus

3/7: Stem Cells & Life
3/14: What IS Pro-Life?
3/21: What Sexuality is anti-Biblical?
3/28: The IRD & the Politicization of the Church

ST. BEDE'S VESTRY & STAFF

RECTOR: The Very Rev. Canon James Newman

ASSOCIATE: The Rev. Argola Haynes

ASSISTING CLERGY: the Revs. Giles Asbury & John Hancock

INTERNS: Giovan King & Mike Olsen

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Frank Basile

VERGER: Michael Gallagher **SACRISTAN:** Jeannette Young

FACILITIES MANAGER: Tom Ledsam

VESTRY

Jerry Hornof ('08) — Senior Warden Reed Wilson ('08) — Junior Warden

Tom Elliott ('09) Kathy Hartley ('09)

Liz Mohler ('08) Michael Mullins ('09)

Dean Pace ('09) Don Shaw ('08)

Alice Short ('08)

Joelle Underwood — Clerk Mike Olsen—Treasurer

Jennine Townsend — Financial Secretary

DELEGATES/ALTERNATES TO CONVENTION

Frank Basile (D)/Michael Mullins (A) - ('08)

Annette Graw (D)/Kyle Ferstead (A) - ('09)