

News from the Diocese of San Clemente with the Southwest, Northwest, Hawaii and American Territories of the Pacific



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### Convocation 2008 • Bp. David Simpson • Cathedral Church of the Resurrection, Miramar, FL

The 2008 International Convocation of the ICCEC will be held in Orlando, Florida, July 30-August 1, 2008. The convocation site is the Wyndham Orlando Resort, located at 8001 International Drive. The base room rate is \$89.00 per night, plus tax. This rate is good for the 3 nights of the convocation, as well as 3 days prior to and subsequent to the event, subject to availability.

Though the final schedule of events remains to be determined, it is anticipated

that the convocation will officially begin on Wednesday evening with a worship service. Both Thursday and Friday mornings there will be plenary sessions with Dr. Simon Chan as our guest speaker. Dr. Chan is a theologian from Singapore who is very interested in convergence worship. We are planning workshops in the afternoons on a variety of topics lead by a variety of speakers, followed by evening worship services, at which the Patriarch will speak.

Reservations at the hotel can be made at any time by calling 1-800-421-8001 and mentioning the Charismatic Episcopal Church, International Convocation. In order to fill up our required block of rooms, we are encouraging everyone to stay at the Wyndham. Not only will this help us meet our obligation, all activities will be held on site.

After the meeting of the Patriarch's Council in October, I will have more information for you. ■

### Making Visible and Audible the Void • Fr. Bill Xenos • Risen Lord, Honolulu, HI



Several months ago a couple of the men at Risen Lord were standing outside the church and visiting after worship when the subject of church steeples came up. We were pondering why so few churches today have steeples; in fact most newer

churches today look just much like any other building. While we could not be involved in the design of the building the Lord has blessed us with, we can work toward having this place proclaim to the world around us the message of the cross.

I left our conversation pondering whether it could be done. Three days later while checking my e-mail I noticed an e-mail from Adam Lipka, our resident handy man. When I opened the attachment there was an artist's rendition of our church with a steeple. Wow, but Adam wasn't finished he went on to say we really need a bell to go along with the steeple. Thus the men of Risen Lord embarked on a mission to

make the church both heard and seen.

While all of this may seem to go against the modern church movement of looking less and less like a church, we believe that God is calling us to once again proclaim His sovereignty. Over the next couple of months several of the men worked to construct, haul to the roof (arguably the hardest part), assemble and mount the steeple and bell. Every Sunday morning you can now hear the call to worship in our little part of the island and no matter what time of day passersby are reminded of what Christ has done for the life of the world. Non nobis, Domine! ■

## Letter from the Editor • Joann Maciejewski



Jessica and Joann Maciejewski

How does *The Current* work? Well, we have assigned each church to give us an article every other month. The only one with a different schedule is St. Michael's, who is supposed to give us an article every month.

We also upload articles submitted to *The Current* that are of national or international interest to the [cechome.com](http://cechome.com) website.

This month, we were scheduled to have articles from:

- St. Michael's
- Church of the Advent

- St. Aidan's Mission
- St. Francis
- Church of the Risen Lord
- St. Martin of Tours
- Christ the Victor
- Holy Cross Community Blessings, Joann ■

## The Bishop's Men • Canon David Epps • Christ the King, Sharpsburg, GA

On Friday night, June 8, just before midnight, John Holloway suffered a massive stroke. The next night, he would undergo an emergency surgery to save his life. Since that time, he has spent most of the past three months in hospitals and a rehabilitation facility. Presently, he cannot move his right side and cannot speak. He is 53 years old, the married father of four, and a pastor. He is also my bishop and my friend.

Last Tuesday, he had to be given two units of blood and was being treated for pneumonia and other conditions. Tests were scheduled and a call was received from his wife asking people to pray.

At 7:30 that evening a number of men from across the state gathered at the hospital in Thomaston, GA to anoint him with oil and pray for him. Three of the men drove over an hour, one man an hour and a half and two nearly three hours.

These men and the others who lived nearby all met at an appointed time in the lobby of the hospital. These were the "Bishop's men."

For over ten years, John Holloway has served these men as their bishop, counselor, pastor, and friend. They have known him long enough and well enough to know that, like them, he is not a perfect or flawless man. All, however, have been touched and strengthened by his preaching, prayers, and pastoral care. Representing the rest of the clergy in Georgia and Tennessee, they came to Thomaston, Georgia to pray over and love on this man who is their spiritual father.

He was sleeping when they arrived but awakened quickly. There was no agenda, no plan for the night, other than to pray with him and be with him. For the better part of an hour, the bishop's men knelt on the hard floor or stood to offer prayers,

sing songs of worship and praise, read scriptures, hold his hand, and offer words of encouragement and affection.

Later, one remarked that the scene reminded him of knights standing guard and vigil over their wounded king. Another said he thought of sons surrounding a beloved father. Near the end of the time, Holy Communion was served to the bishop and his men. One of the men said, "Bishop, will you bless us?" At this, the bishop raised his left hand toward the men and, as most dropped to their knees, he prayed, though no words were heard, only a quiet whisper.

Then, one by one, the men expressed their love and support and began to file out. It is customary for clergy to kiss the ring of their bishop at appropriate times to demonstrate their respect of the office. However, due to his condition, the bishop wasn't wearing his ring. Undeterred,

the bishop's men, one by one, leaned down and tenderly kissed him on the forehead. It was a spontaneous act, unrehearsed and unashamed, as these men expressed what their words could not.

There is hope and expectation that he will recover and resume his place. In the meantime, prayers by clergy and laity alike continue, visits to the hospital are made, gifts come in to assist with expenses, and every day Holy Communion is brought to the bishop and his wife.

The future is uncharted and uncertain but those who know John Holloway know that he is one of God's men. He has been a praying, fasting, giving, repenting man who, at any casual moment, was likely to be seen with his nose in his Bible. He is in God's good hands and in the hearts and prayers of the bishop's men. ■

*Written September 19, 2007*

## "Dancing With Our Stars" • Fr. Vincent McMorrow-Purcell • Christ Church, Palm Springs, CA

Father Vincent from Christ Church, Palm Springs, CA and Hospital Chaplain at the Eisenhower Medical Center, Rancho Mirage, CA has been nominated to compete in "Dancing with our Stars" to raise money for charity. He will compete on Saturday, Nov. 3, 2007 at the Hyatt Grand Champions in Indian Wells, CA. Father Vincent will be raising funds for the "Partnership for End of Life Care" which exists to promote conversations and

provide education about end of life choices, believing that the end-of-life is as important as the beginning.

"So many times in healthcare ministry, I have attended families struggling with decision making and ethical dilemmas," he said, "had there been an advance directive in place, they [the patient's family] could have had more time to focus on creating a sacred space for their loved one at end-of-life."

"Chappy" as Father Vincent is affectionately known by healthcare professionals in the Coachella Valley recommends open dialogue among family and friends about end of life choices and wishes, such a proactive approach he suggests will be invaluable in preventing a health care crisis among loved ones in the event of end-of-life or a life threatening emergency.

Father Vincent is always happy to discuss any questions

or concerns that you may have about end-of-life choices or ministry to the sick and dying (760) 773 1817 - his office at Eisenhower Medical Center. You can also get Advance Directives booklets and forms, Five Wishes booklets and other resources from your physician, clinic, local hospital, hospice, nursing homes and rehab centers to name but a few. ■

## A Word of Encouragement for Small Churches • Joann Maciejewski • All Saints, Santa Clarita, CA

One night, Fr. Jay Cayangyang from St. Michael's called Fr. Rich Maciejewski at All Saints and said he had a word for our church. Arrangements were made, and we had a great visit by Fr. Jay, Linda, and their children on September 16, 2007.

Fr. Jay preached the word he had for All Saints: **A life lived for God and His church is a life worth living.**

Fr. Jay cited Psalm 40:  
Psalm 40:1-5

*40:1 I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry. 40:2 He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. 40:3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD. 40:4 Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods!*

Well, it may be that the little semicolon - as in "I waited patiently for the Lord;" may be a long semicolon. It may be 1, 5, 10, 20, 30, 40 years' worth of semicolon. But it is followed by God's absolute faithfulness. We need to remain patiently waiting on the Lord, and not get caught up building false idols.

It can be a time of frustration and impatience when starting a church. We have grand visions, but the body is built slowly. The message was clear: do not think that time spent serving and building the small church is in vain.

Fr. Jay mentioned some things said by the Archbishop: When speaking of a church plant, make the 500 year plan. When do you have a church well established? 80 years after its founding.

Fr. Jay also discussed the temptations to a minister - from *In the Name of Jesus* by Henry Nouwen. Henry Nouwen mentions the temptations:

1. To be relevant
2. To be spectacular
3. To be powerful.

We in the CEC are called to stand against those ministry temptations.

One of the last points Fr. Jay made was from John 20 - Doubting Thomas. Except Fr. Jay called him *absent* Thomas. In those days after Jesus died, it must have been tremendously disappointing to the disciples.

The temptation to flee, to separate from this group of believers who all followed Jesus must have been great. For one reason or another, Thomas was not there when Jesus appeared to the group.

It is tempting to be absent when waiting for the Lord - to stay home in that warm bed instead of wake up and go set up the church sign, linens, rehearse music, etc. "Just one Sunday." But how many times have we missed a blessing by being absent? How many times has God moved on that "just

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one Sunday" or home group, or Bible study when we don't go?

So, for the people of All Saints, it was an encouragement and joy to have the Cayangyangs. They joined the congregation for lunch afterwards at the Maciejewski home, and then visited an old friend who had just moved to the area and requested a house blessing.

This friend of Fr. Jay's was trying to come to All Saints that morning, but somehow ended up attending St. Stephens ECUSA instead... but we will be patient, and hopeful, that he will come another day. ☺ ■

## Ministries from San Clemente, Southwest, Northwest, Hawaii, and American Pacific

Church/Ministry	Location	Rector	Website
Cathedral Church of Saint Michael	San Clemente, CA	Abp. Adler	stmichaels.livejournal.com cechome.com
All Saints	Santa Clarita, CA	Fr. Rich Maciejewski	allsaints-cec.org
Christ Church	Palm Springs, CA	Fr. Vincent McMorrow-Purcell	
Christ the Victor	Puyallup, WA	Fr. Joe Ramos	ctvcec.org
Church of the Advent	Oceanside, CA	Canon Gary Heniser	adventcec.com
Church of the Resurrection	Hemet, CA	Fr. Mark Miller	http://mysite.verizon.net/res7fgz9/resurrectioncec/
Church of the Risen Lord	Honolulu, HI	Fr. Bill Xenos	cechawaii.org
Fr. David Conroy	Pendleton, OR	Fr. David Conroy	
Holy Cross Community Church	Cornelius, OR	Fr. Jim Wright	holycrosscommunitychurch.com
Holy Trinity Church	Meridian, ID	Fr. Mark Finley	holyltrinitycec.com
St. Aidan's Mission	Antioch, CA	Fr. Aidan Jerry Hix	
St. David's	San Raphael, CA	Canon Craig Isaacs	None currently
St. Francis	Victorville, CA	Fr. Robert Reed	Stfrancis-cec.org
St. John's	Yucca Valley, CA	Fr. Aaron Appleby	None currently
St. Martin of Tours	Las Vegas, NV	Fr. Charles Coleman	
St. Paul's	Henderson, NV	Fr. David Hoff	stpaulcec.org
St. Peter's	Palos Verdes, CA	Fr. Wayne Coombs	stpeters9@aol.com

**A Night Under the Stars • Briana Desmond • St. Michael's, San Clemente, CA**



L-R: Emily Johnson, Chris Canullo, April Nenninger



L-R: Chris Boyle, Eric Reed, Phil Cuthbertson, Ryan Johnson

St. Michael's Academy has long been known for its outstanding education and strong principles, of which the teachers have been the backbone. For over twenty-four years they have assisted in "preparing students for their purpose and helping them discover their destiny," Principal Fr. Dan Sharp commented. They strive to help students excel in academics, moral character, and spiritual maturity by "combining a strong foundation of Biblical values and Christian character with a wide range of educational experiences."

SMA also charges the lowest tuition of any private school in Orange County, Calif. This

makes it affordable for low-income families to give their children a quality education in very safe and Christian surroundings. Yet for this to be possible, the teachers' pay is very low. However, their hearts are toward the children, and they are great, strong teachers that leave lasting impressions on the students and their families.

We wanted to show our appreciation and on August 24th, Fr. Jim and Kris House hosted the second annual House Party Under the Stars, a fundraiser benefiting our teachers. Tickets to the event were \$250 a person, \$500 a couple, which provided a very

delicious gourmet meal made by Catherine Cuthbertson and Rebecca Cayangyang. The dinner was complete with dessert and all the fine wine one could drink.

There was also a silent auction, which included a painting by St. Michael's Academy alumni Chris Canullo. He generously donated the painting, valued at \$1,500, to the event. Also, Fr. Jim made his private label "House Party" wine available for \$35 a bottle with the proceeds applied towards the fundraiser.

When talking about the House Party Benefit to the congregation, Archbishop Adler said the goal was to raise \$50,000, with every penny going to the teachers. On the night of August 24th, those attending the dinner raised over \$52,000! The teachers receive 100% of those proceeds!!!

Teachers, we could never thank you enough for devoting your lives to giving our children such amazing love and direction, while providing them such excellent education.

Fr. Jim and Kris, thank you for opening your home to us and providing such a wonderful night of fun and fellowship, while blessing our teachers in such an awesome way. ■



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*If you would like to make a donation to St. Michael's Academy, visit [www.gotosma.com](http://www.gotosma.com) for more details.*



Liz & Nathan Powell pondering the Silent Auction items

## Back To School At Saint Michael's • Rebekah Reed • St. Michael's, San Clemente, CA

### Saint Michael's Faculty

Fr. Daniel Sharp- Principal K-8  
 Fr. Jay Cayangyang- Principal SMASH  
 Paula Clemmer - Registrar SMASH  
 Mary Shrock - K, Math  
 Debbie Powell - 1st Grade Homeroom, Curriculum Coordinator  
 Kelly Johnson - 2nd Grade Homeroom, Language and Spelling  
 Chris Carpenter - 3rd Grade Homeroom, Penmanship and Literature  
 Dcn. Robert Kennedy - 4th Grade Homeroom, History, Bible  
 Roger Clinch - 5th Grade Homeroom, History and Athletics  
 Carol Olkie - 6th Grade Homeroom, Asst. Admin.  
 Molly Henry - 7th Grade Homeroom, Science  
 Linda Cayangyang - 8th Grade Homeroom, Curriculum Coordinator  
 Dcn. Phil Johnson - High School, Curriculum Coordinator  
 Elina Pelikan - Drama, Music

### ST. MICHAEL'S ACADEMY



Saint Michael's Academy went back to school this month and began its 24th year of ministry through education. Kindergarten through Eighth grade started on Thursday, September 6th. SMASH, Saint Michael's Academy Senior High, started two days earlier on Tuesday the 4th.

To kick off the start of the 2007-2008 school year, the Academy held its annual "Back to School Night Ice Cream Social" on September 4th. Both parents and students alike were invited to explore the campus, meet the teachers and preview the classrooms. SMASH held its "Back to School Night on

September 18th.

If you're not familiar with SMA, they invite you to visit their website at [www.gotosma.com](http://www.gotosma.com). The following history is a synopsis taken from the full document on the website.

Founded in 1983, St. Michael's Academy has established itself as one of the best private schools in south Orange County. Numerous graduates have gone on to successful college and professional careers. Additionally, in 2003, SMA received full accreditation.

St. Michael's Academy also has an excellent middle school sports program. In 2003, only its second season, the SMA Archangel Basketball Team won its division championship. The SMA Archangel Football Team had similar results as they went on to compete in the 2004 post-season playoffs. The heart of SMA has always been to reach the lives of children, to give them the love and academic support they

need to find hope, peace, and success throughout their lives. The Faculty of SMA recognizes that these children are the husbands, wives, employees, employers, leaders and clergy of the future. How do we change the world? One person at a time. SMA is the safe harbor for nurturing the next generation. ■



## Endless Summer • Kc Conkle • St. Michael's, San Clemente, CA

Summertime is drawing to an end, but at the Sister's House that doesn't mean that the fun stops! Every Monday night is "dinner at the table" for all the sisters and half-sisters. This is always a great time as we enjoy some good cooking and hear about what is going on in each other's life. Listening to the stories, sometimes we laugh, sometimes we cry, but most of all we make sure everyone knows they are loved. Of course, a Monday night dinner would not be complete without a "lame" joke from Fr. Conkle. He says he has a right to tell lame jokes because he's lame! Some might think it's

just payback for him having to miss Monday Night Football. After dinner Fr. Conkle celebrates the Eucharist and then we all go to the patio and kick back around the fire ring! As the evening winds down everyone gets "a special Kc hug."

You may have noticed I used the term, half-sister, above. What is a half-sister at the sister's house? Well, there are some girls who are friends of sisters who live here. They commit to being at dinners every Monday night and to be involved in helping with functions that we have. "All the perks without the rules", as one of them has stated. The half

sisters are Katie Powell, Ashley Adler, Christen Heniser, and currently on school leave, Teresa Pastor. Later this month one of the half-sisters, Jill Johnson, will enter the Sisters House and become a full pledged sister. She is such a joyful personality and Candice is very excited about her new sister!

Every one of the young ladies bring such a special flavor to our evenings together and they are terribly missed when they are unable to attend. So though summer is ending, we are looking forward to chilly fall nights, sipping warm drinks and enjoying the warmth of the fire together! ■



SMC Sisters House



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## Spiritual Snack #599 • Canon Gary Heniser • Church of the Advent, Oceanside, CA

There is something unique about the relationships between brothers and sisters in Christ. I have often wondered why Jesus chose those particular twelve men to spend three years together in very close proximity. Their personalities and lives covered the full spectrum of humanity—with diversity as an apparent goal.

They were individuals, of course, but they did have some

commonality about them as we read of their lives and life together throughout the Holy Gospels. One aspect of their brotherhood was that they drew together as they grew in their life with Jesus as their Teacher and Model. He constantly fed them heavenly food.

What seems to have happened was that their relationship went beyond the self - even Judas wanted what he perceived to be the best for

them all. They did not fear confronting each other with the truth of God, as we hear Saint Paul in his letter to Philemon 20-21: **I do wish, brother, that I may have some benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ.** They had moved beyond the slap on the back of friendship here.

And Paul knew that his brother in Christ would respond rightly! He continues with: **Confident of your**

**obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.** And he was asking a lot—wanting his brother to receive his former slave as a brother! Paul was refreshed by Philemon, as he knew he would be—that's the way of Christian brotherhood! ■

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## Clergy Appreciation Month

- October is slated as "clergy appreciation month" by the world at large here in the U.S.
- Please remember your Patriarch, Bishops, Priests, Deacons, and seminarians in prayer, and let them know that you appreciate them!