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### Patriarch's Reflections on the Convocation • Abp. Craig Bates



Patriarch Craig Bates and Bishop Douglas Kessler

Convocation 2008 in Orlando was a success because so many people were involved in the planning and the implementation. We now look forward to Madrid, Spain in 2012.

Convocations have several levels of significance and importance. First and foremost, it is a celebration of our life in Christ lived out together in communion. We certainly had a wonderful celebration. Secondly, it is an opportunity to meet people from around the world who share the same vision. This was indeed truly an international event with participation at all

levels, from all the nations involved. And, third it is a time to renew vision and cast vision. I believe we accomplished this as well.

Now we go back to the work of advancing the Kingdom of God. Again, I believe this is best accomplished by gathering the baptized around the Bishop, or his representative, at the Lord's Table. This is the visible Church. Then from this celebration of His real presence among us we love one another.

The Pastors need to pastor, and when they have finished all the pastoral work they pastor

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### How Good We Have It • Dcn. Dick Henning • Holy Trinity, Meridian, ID

Last year our daughter, Laura, planned a trip to Africa. She e-mailed the bishops to see if they could use her assistance.

One of the first to respond was Bishop Emmanuel Ngirumpatse of the Rwanda Diocese, ICCEC Cathedral Church of the Holy Spirit, in Kigali. Laura was excited to return to Rwanda as she had visited there with Catholic Relief Services in 2004. However, due to some health problems she had to cancel her trip. Her enthusiasm, and love for the people of Africa was contagious.

Our family continued to correspond with Bishop Emmanuel. Through this association, our parish family has informally adopted Bishop Emmanuel. We have been



Breaking bread together: (back row) Laura Henning and Bishop Emmanuel; (front row) Dcn. Dick & Margo Henning

assisting him when possible but always holding him up in prayer. It was an honor and privilege to finally meet Bishop Emmanuel at the 2008 Convocation.

He, like all the African Bishops we met, is a happy, joyful, faith

filled, humble, kind, and gentle man.

During the workshop given by the African Bishops they shared many stories and showed us pictures of their families, churches and

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## Letter from the Editor • Joann Maciejewski



L-R back: Joann, Naomi, Fr. Rich, Jessica  
Front row: Luke and Nadia

This picture to the left is from Florida. That is a real alligator with my family, taken at the Bass Pro Shop in Orlando. Oh, and that gator peed on Jessica while we took this picture. We all laughed pretty hard at that. Well, everyone except Jessica.

This issue is mostly Convocation oriented, and mostly oriented to people from our area. We do have the official statement of Abp. Craig

Bates. But we also have the experiences of Dcn. Dick Henning, pictures from San Clemente youth, and the personal traveling story of this crazy mski (Maciejewski) family.

We also have a great article and fun facts from Jim Thomas on All Saints mens' prayer and breakfast, and a word from Fr. Mark Miller of Resurrection.

With best wishes to all as we head back to school, and careen into fall!

Blessings,  
Joann ■

## How Good We Have It • continued

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parishioners. Each had but two requests: pray for us and let us know you care.

Their stories and pictures made us realize how truly blessed we are in this country and how much we take those blessings for granted! We have so much, they have so little! We complain about what we don't have, they accept what little they do have as a blessing from God.

You would have to hear their stories and see their pictures to fully understand how meeting these Bishops affected how we as a family look at life.

I believe there are three very easy and simple things we can do to assist the African Bishops:

1. Pray for them, their families and communities every day.
2. Adopt a Bishop. E-mail him on a regular basis. Let him know he is not alone. Send pictures of your immediate family and your parish family.

They are a very personable people and love to share such pictures with their family and communities.

3. Collect used cell phones to send to them. Many Bishops have no way of communicating with their priests. ■

*Please check on compatibility requirements before sending phones to the Bishops.*

## Ministries from the West, Southwest, Northwest, Hawaii, and American Pacific

| Church/Ministry                   | Location          | Rector                       | Telephone / Website  |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|--|
| Cathedral Church of Saint Michael | San Clemente, CA  | Bp. Douglas Kessler          | 949/366-9480 / saintmichaelsanclemente.wordpress.com   |
| All Saints                        | Santa Clarita, CA | Fr. Rich Maciejewski         | 661/916-1991 / allsaints-cec.org   |
| Christ Church                     | Palm Springs, CA  | Fr. Vincent McMorrow-Purcell | 760/318-9631   |
| Christ the Victor                 | Puyallup, WA      |                              | ctvcec.org   |
| Church of the Advent              | Oceanside, CA     | Canon Gary Heniser           | 760/431-8485 / adventcec.com   |
| Church of the Resurrection        | Hemet, CA         | Fr. Mark Miller              | 951/487-2992 / http://mysite.verizon.net/res7fgz9/resurrectioncec/808/671-5222 / cechawaii.org |
| Church of the Risen Lord          | Honolulu, HI      | Fr. Bill Xenos               |  |
| Fr. David Conroy                  | Madras, OR        | Fr. David Conroy             |  |
| Holy Cross Community Church       | Cornelius, OR     | Fr. Jim Wright               | 503/336-1804 / holycrosscommunitychurch.com  |
| Holy Trinity Church               | Meridian, ID      | Canon Mark Finley            | 208/288-2146 / holytrinitycec.com  |
| St. Francis                       | Victorville, CA   | Fr. Robert Reed              | 415/457-6556 / Stfrancis-cec.org   |
| St. James                         | Williams, AZ      | Fr. Bruce LaPier             | 928/635-6754   |
| St. John's                        | Yucca Valley, CA  | Fr. Aaron Appleby            | 760/369-0074   |
| St. Paul's                        | Henderson, NV     | Fr. David Hoff               | 702/260-0126 / stpaulcec.org   |
| St. Peter's                       | Palos Verdes, CA  | Fr. Wayne Coombs             | 310/833-8899   |

## Morning Prayer and Breakfast • Jim Thomas • All Saints Church, Newhall, CA

On the third Saturday of each month, All Saints Church has a men's Morning Prayer and breakfast. Here are some things we learned at the past few breakfasts:

--- Brain matter is the consistency of custard.

--- There are thousands of WWII surplus aircraft starters available for use in today's aircraft.

--- A currently popular fish, tilapia, is found in the Sea of Galilee, and may be the fish caught by Peter and the other apostles. In Hebrew, it is called "amnon".

--- The best part of a coot (to eat) is the gizzard.

--- Our priest likes to eat pozole (a Mexican soup) for breakfast.

--- Many Asian recipes use fish with the guts still there (sardines do too, by the way).

--- A shrimp is no more than a piece of fat.

If these things don't sound real religiously- oriented, they're not. But they're the sorts of things that a diverse bunch of Christian men talk about over breakfast.

Our men's breakfast has been going on for almost as long as our church has been in existence (as "Christ the King" or "All Saints"), about eight years.

We start at our church, with the Daily Office Morning Prayer, then go to whichever restaurant we agree to. In the beginning, we ate at Carrow's (since closed), went to Jimmy Dean's for some time, and now one of several Mexican restaurants in the area. Our group has been as small as two and as large as ten. The size doesn't seem to matter; the fellowship is what counts (my definition: getting

together with a group of fellows).

Our church has Masses on three different days: a Wednesday evening "Taize" mass, a Saturday evening youth "Laudate" service, and the standard Sunday Mass. Few men attend all of these services, and many attend only one. But all Masses are represented in the Saturday men's Morning Prayer and breakfast, so we get to fellowship with men whom we don't see in church. Since the group is small (because our church is small), the conversations get to be more personal.

In other churches I've attended, I was often "turned off" by the impersonal nature of men's Saturday morning breakfasts. Perhaps that's because none of them started with a worship service, and



there was no time for serious intercessory prayer. Our Morning Prayers have lots of these, some of which have resulted in some miraculous results.

I'm sure that many other CEC churches have such men's breakfasts, and each is special to its church. Ours is special to me, if for no other reason that I've discovered other men in our church who know and share things I don't know (the consistency of brain matter??).



## Patriarch's Reflections • continued



Abp. Bates

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some more.

We also need to equip the saints for the work of the ministry. I was so excited to see the level of commitment and the talent of the members of our communion. I am so excited to see that we have empowered people to do ministry, and to be engaged at all levels of the life of the Church. I was excited to hear about healing ministries, ministries to the homeless, ministries to unwed mothers, ministries to the addicted, ministries to the disenfranchised, ministries that proclaim social justice for the least among us, prayer ministries, and the list goes on and on. It was even more exciting to see that the laity leads these ministries.

As you enjoy the photos and reports of Convocation, remember the Church is the Lord's Church. We have taken

our part in Christ's Catholic Church. Now let us be faithful in the little things that our Lord has put before us.

I am humbled to be among

you as one who can serve.

Under His mercy,  
The Most Rev. Craig W. Bates,  
Patriarch, ICCEC ■

**Please note: you may find sermons and pictures of the 2008 Convocation at [www.cechome.com](http://www.cechome.com).**



## Convocation 2008, Mski Style • Joann Maciejewski • All Saints, Santa Clarita, CA



Luke and his group performing



Fr. Rich Maciejewski, Cn. Mark Finley, Fr. Jim Younce watching the kids dance

You've got the official version from [cechome.com](http://cechome.com). So here's a little bit of our unofficial version of our great time at the 2008 Convocation.

First of all, I must state that my husband and I traveled with our four children – ages 17, 15, seven, and five. Airport security with this crew was an adventure. While it's one thing to take off your shoes, unpack your laptop, and be scrutinized to the hair while traveling alone, it is another thing altogether to get the shoes off children, get teenagers to separate from their telephones, and leave a guitar and case everywhere. They tagged my luggage for review because of a) too big of a bottle of sunscreen—adios, Coppertone— and b) a very suspicious looking Leapster (kid's video game) under the Bible.

Apparently the TSA does not like crucifixes (someone told me it's because they are sharp or something.) My husband, being a pectoral cross manufacturer, had a few with him and they examined them closely. In some sort of a token try at being equally suspicious of everyone, they yelled out **"everyone who has a crucifix, please take it out of your bag!"** That was pretty funny. Amazingly, no one else at the

airport had pectoral crucifixes in their bags.

We missed an earthquake. We left Burbank, landed in Phoenix, and our daughter got a text message from a friend saying there had just been a big earthquake, 5.4 or so on the Richter scale. I figured that missing the earthquake was a good sign.

Our plane getting to Orlando was delayed until midnight. Right when I thought about how we are so macho and crazy to have our big family traveling to Convocation, our driver asked, "Do you know Ed Harris? He is coming with a party of ten and their plane is delayed until 1:45am."

The days seemed packed with activity. We got into a little rhythm. Our typical schedule:

**Morning.** Husband, who is a morning person, sneaks off to McDonald's and gets us 2 for \$2 Egg McMuffins then goes to morning prayer. Wife, who is not a morning person, slides out of bed and take the little kids to their age-group kid classes, barely getting there in time for 10am. Drop them off then head to the theological lectures by Dr. Simon Chan. Get coffee at the break. (We were on the east coast, but with west coast time clocks). Write name inconspicuously on your coffee and sneakily try to hide it so we don't get in trouble for having coffee in the meeting room, but don't waste the hotel purchased coffee either. Go pick up the kids and have sandwiches at our room, or get McDonald's or Chinese Buffet lunch.

**Afternoon.** Start dinner in the crock pot and rice cooker (oh, yes, we had our Brothers' House pack it in their car since they drove from Santa Clarita, CA to Florida). Take the kids back for the afternoon session of kids' group. Attend some workshops, then abruptly leave them guilty because they went over by 5 or 10 minutes and we are therefore late to pick up the



L-R Alex, Tori, and Ashley Anderson; Jessica and Naomi Maciejewski

kids. Head to the pool, swim with other CEC kids and get the wild wackies out. Come back to the room thinking we can eat dinner, get all upset that the crock pot is not finished cooking the food yet. Watch the TV news, which constantly focused on the story of a missing girl.

**Evening.** Head to the evening service, see old friends, take blurry pictures. Five minutes into the evening service, with music blaring, five year old falls asleep. Service starts, everyone worships, sermon comes and seven year old goes to children's church. Great sermon, all the kids come back, finally at the very end of the service five year old wakes up, angry she missed children's church, cries for five minutes. Head back to the hotel room, eat the crock potted food. The teenagers go to the pool, or out in Orlando; husband visits people; wife puts little kids to sleep and collapses.

We didn't get to visit with as many people as we wanted to. We'll just have to make up for that in Madrid in 2012.

Convocation was a huge blessing. We often get together with our clergy friends at retreat, but they never get a chance to see our kids, and our

kids don't get much chance to see other CEC folks. They were a bit shy but happy to be around everyone.

Some of our teenagers went to the CEC for Life rally, some of our church played some crazy throwing of innertubes around in the pool, the Santa Clarita Brothers' House got to hang out with the Alabama Brothers' House.

Our own Deacon Michael Seiler got to serve next to the Patriarch. I met Rebekah Landon of *Stitched With Grace* in the southeast. We went to lunch with our Resurrection pals, and our son Luke brainstormed with Dcn. Ron Murray about all the things that could be shot out of a cannon (marshmallows, cotton balls, apples, etc.). Our daughter Nadia took a picture of Ashley Anderson's eyeball and 50 pictures of the shirt she made at kids' class. We found the greatest McDonald's on earth; it takes me about half an hour to discuss it.

It's a very nice thing for our little outpost church to be with a sizable group of people, worshipping in unity with the high church passion of the CEC.

It was a little bittersweet to be without some of our comrades from previous years. But the 2008 Convocation was a great reassurance that our new Patriarch continues to declare a day of restoration in the CEC, and that the vision is strong, and the faithful worldwide continue on. ■



L-R Scott James, Alena and Dcn. Joshua Morgan, Michael Mullen, Steven Burkman, Jessica, Naomi, and Nadia Maciejewski

## Convocation Pictures • Jody Anderson • St. Michael's, San Clemente, CA



Dcn. Michael Seiler and Dcn. Augustus Garcia processing



Jody Anderson, Karen Kessler, and Stacy Finley



John House, Jacob Holloway, Tim Olkie



Kimberly Harris, Alex Anderson, Jenny Perrot, Torrie Anderson, Katie Kendall and John House.



Field trip to Gatorland



Teresa Pastor, Jenny Perrot, Jessica Kessler, Ashley Anderson, Josh Guliuzza



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## The Real Problem • Fr. Mark Miller • Resurrection, San Jacinto, CA

G.K. Chesterton, a great Christian apologist, writer and philosopher entered an essay contest in England. The essay theme was: "What is wrong with the world?" Many people submitted some thought provoking articles on world hunger, racial prejudice, greed, justice, world peace, etc.

G. K. Chesterton won the essay contest with two words, "I am." Mr. Chesterton evidently had not been "enlightened" by the self-esteem movement. He had not "parented" his inner child" or brought "closure" to all of his idiosyncrasies. He was seeing himself and his sinful selfish behavior as contributing

to the ills of society. He could not answer for everyone else, only himself.

In a marriage conflict, if a spouse focused first on himself/herself and his/her short comings rather than the mate's, there would be fewer divorces.

I have to admit, it is easier to focus on the sin of another. It is down right uncomfortable to deal forthrightly with my own sins (smile). It's human nature to excuse ones self and to blame others. Recently, in a stimulating discussion with a fellow priest about what is wrong with today's American church, I was about to step on

my soap box and give a litany of the wrongs when Chesterton's answer hit me: "I am."

I suggest that we all start here. Every revival of the church has started here. "If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness, Jn.1:19.

Freely in the forgiveness of Christ,  
Fr. Mark ■

