

Diocese of the Western States

The Anglican Province of Christ the King

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Saint Alban, Protomartyr of England



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Summer officially begins this week and I wanted to bring you up to speed about many of our Diocesan activities. First, I am pleased to announce that the Consecrations of Canons Peter F. Hansen and Blair W. Schultz will take place on Saint Matthew's Day, September 21st, 2017 in Tulsa Oklahoma. Details will follow as they become available.

I am also pleased to announce the appointment of the Reverend Charles "Rusty" Dillon, Rector of Saint Stephen's Church in Oakville and President of the Standing Committee, to be Canon to the Ordinary replacing our Suffragan Bishop elect. Father Dillon's investment will take place on the Sixth Sunday after Trinity, July 23rd at Saint Stephen's.

Our Synod last month was a wonderful celebration of the vitality that we carry to the world around us in our parishes and personal lives. I am particularly grateful for the fundraising efforts of the Anglican Church Women who (according to treasurer Debbie Stanford) raised \$1,629.20 for the Bishop Morse Youth Camp and \$1,635.00 for the Rod Gourley Camp Scholarship Fund; and still managed to send a tithe to the Diocese. Thank you, ladies, for your dedicated efforts. Thanks to Father Michael Mautner who auctioned the men's fundraiser which raised \$1,590.00. Some of that was for a week at Colonel Canda's Ranch and a college course at Sangre de Christo Seminary in Colorado. I know I was approached at Synod by at least one priest or deacon but I don't remember who it was; so, if you are interested in the Colonel's offer, let me know ASAP. Finally, a tremendous thank you is owed to the thirteen of our parishes which stepped forward and donated a total of \$4,044.62 to help cover the expenses of the Synod.

The Bishop Morse Youth Camp will begin at Warm Springs Camp north of Seattle on Sunday afternoon, July 2nd and will last through Friday morning, July 7th. The camp theme this year will be the Eucharist and the overarching goals of the camp will be to help our young people understand the importance of the Sacraments in their daily lives, grow in the Faith, form lasting friendships and, yes, have fun. We have grown to twenty-nine of us this year: campers, counselors (staff) and clergy. Thank you to Fathers Scott Mitchell, David Webb and Michael Mautner who, along with Deacon Brian Faith will lead the instructional and spiritual portion of the camp. Special thanks to Mary Margaret Feagin and Erin Salazar who have worked so hard setting up the camp and to Ernie Salazar who will be the camp director.

Saint Joseph's Summer Seminary Session will begin on Monday, July 17th and last until Friday, July 28th. We have ten students enrolled and classes will be taught by all three Diocesan Bishops, Father Weber, Dr. Paul Russell and Father Ben Jones. Subjects taught will include an in-depth study of the 1928 Book of Common Prayer, the Catholic Epistles, Spiritual Formation, Ecclesiastical Latin, and Church Music. The students and faculty will worship together in Saint Joseph's Chapel: Morning Prayer, the Eucharist and Evening Prayer.

Yours faithfully in our Blessed Lord,

+ Donald M. Ashman
Bishop Ordinary