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IMPORTANT NEWS FOR THE PROVINCE

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Dear Brethren:

On St. Peter's Day, June 29, at 11:00 AM, the College of Bishops will meet at St. Peter's Pro-Cathedral, Oakland, California for the Liturgy of St. Peter. Then in solemn assembly, the Bishops will elect the new Archbishop for the Province of Christ the King. The Mass will be open to all those who wish to attend this historic occasion. It is significant that the election take place at St. Peter's Pro-Cathedral on St. Peter's Feast Day for the Province was first established in that church. Please pray for the Bishops at this time.

With every good wish and blessing,
The Most Reverend Robert Sherwood Morse

TRACT CORNER

Symbols and Symbolic Actions

Why an Altar?

The Altar is the center of the church building. It represents, or reveals, to us:

- (a) The Throne of God to which Christ raised us in His glorious Ascension;
- (b) The Table of the Heavenly Banquet to which Christ has called us, and at which He eternally distributes the Marriage Supper of the Lamb (Revelation 19:8) and its earthly foretaste, Holy Communion;
- (c) The Altar of His Sacrifice for us, the Cross; hence, a cross stands upon the Altar.

The Altar is usually vested with colorful material in order to show its divine or heavenly character. On it may stand a Tabernacle, a repository for the consecrated Bread and Wine that are reserved for the communion of the sick and dying.

Why Candles?

Light always stands for Christ, ("*I am the Light of the World*"), for the illumination He brought us, the knowledge of the true God and the gift of communion with Him. "*You are the Light of the World*," He said to His disciples.

Why Incense?

Incense was used in the worship described in the Old Testament and at the Last Supper (or so scholars tell us). Incense represents:

- (a) Prayer ascending to God (Revelation 5:8; 8:3);
- (b) Homage to God; as such it was the second gift of the Wise Men to the infant Christ;
- (c) Christians themselves; for St. Paul says "we are indeed the incense offered by Christ to God" (II Corinthians 2:15 N.E.B.);
- (d) The transforming power of Christ; the hot coals represent warm Christian hearts; the ashes represent sorrow for sin; when the small, hard grains of incense meet them, they melt and give off a sweet fragrance.

Censing (swinging the smoke at persons or things) is used either as:

- (i) An act of preparation and sanctification (e.g. censing the Altar and the bread and wine on it), or as
- (ii) An expression of sacred respect (e.g. the censing of pictures and other objects, the Consecrated Bread and Wine, and the Priest and People).

Why Standing, Sitting, and Kneeling?

The *whole* person, body as well as soul, takes part in worship because our *whole* nature was assumed by God the Son in His Incarnation and must be redeemed for God.

Bodily positions are expressions of worship:

- (a) **Standing** indicates that we must have been redeemed and given back our true human status;
- (b) **Sitting** is limited to the teaching parts of the service;
- (c) **Kneeling** expresses repentance, humility and adoration.

Why Processions?

These symbolize and manifest the movement of God's people toward Him, and the movement of God toward us.

Why Make the Sign of the Cross?

The Cross is the central Christian symbol. It was the instrument of the world's salvation by the Crucified Christ, and is the witness to the fact that we cannot be His unless we live with the Cross as the very content of our lives: *"If any one would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me."* (Mark 8:34)

Made upon ourselves (with the right hand from the forehead to the heart, and from the left shoulder to the right shoulder), it shows that our mind, heart, and strength must be given to the love of God and our neighbor. It is also the means by which we ceremonially take to ourselves God's blessing or forgiveness when the priest makes the *Sign of the Cross* over us in blessing or absolution.

Why Vestments?

In the early days of the Church, these garments were people's ordinary clothes. When this style of dress gradually changed, the clergy's didn't. Thus they are a visible link with those early days. The vestments are also used for beauty and dignity, and they have been given symbolic meanings connected with the Passion of our Lord.

The vestments also cover up the priest's personality and help us to think only of Christ, the one true Priest, whose uniform the earthly priest wears.

The Use of the Holy Water Font

Dipping one's fingers in the Holy Water, one makes the *Sign of the Cross* on oneself, while saying: *"In my Baptism I was made a member of Christ, the child of God, and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven;"* or, dipping one's thumb in the Holy Water, one makes a small *Sign of the Cross* on one's forehead, eyes, lips, and chest, while saying: *"God be in my head, and in my thinking and understanding; God be in my eyes, and in my looking and perceiving; God be on my lips, and in my speaking and praising; God be in my heart, and in my living and loving."*

Ceremonial actions, including bowing the head and genuflecting, must never be performed carelessly or hurriedly; otherwise they become mere *"show."* Ceremony is a symbolic language by which the hearts of Christians express their sense of the mystery, holiness and splendor of God the Holy Trinity, and express their longing for Him, their reverence for Him and their hope of the glory hereafter with Him for ever. As was stated earlier, the body with its senses must play its part in the worship: sight, hearing, touch, taste and smell are all channels through which our sense-conditioned spirits can receive messages from God and respond to Him.

THE 2007 SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF THE EASTERN STATES

If the 2007 Synod were to be given a theme, it would be the "Synod of Fellowship." With all the services, meetings and programs at the church, coupled with the Continental Breakfasts and Luncheons in the Undercroft, the entire Synod was together in one place for three days, generating ample opportunity for discussion, sharing information and socializing. Most importantly, the five services in the Nave brought the Synod together for worship and prayer every morning and afternoon.

All Saints hosted the Synod of the Diocese in 2002, so we knew that we were taking on a major event when accepting the call from our Bishop, the Rt. Reverend Rocco A. Florenza, to host this year's Synod. Planning began last year when the Holiday Inn, Bolingbrook, was booked for guest housing and the Annual Banquet. In February, the Vestry confirmed the schedule and the budget and established the registration fee. Complete information was sent to the Priests, Deacons and Senior and Junior Wardens of all parishes and missions, followed by the mailings to All Saints members. As Rector, Father Hines was the Chairman of the Synod, and under his leadership, members of the parish accepted responsibility for the major events and activities.

A total of 43 clergy and laity from 14 parishes and missions in the Diocese came to the Synod, and with the participation of All Saints, attendance ensured success of the programs. Following is a summary of Synod participation:

- Continental Breakfasts (3) – 40 to 50 daily
- All-Synod Luncheon, Thursday – 58
- ACW Conference, Thursday – 25
- Laity Fellowship Dinner, Thursday – 46
- Clergy Dinner, Thursday – 16
- All-Synod Luncheon, Friday – 52
- Annual Synod Banquet – 73
- Solemn High Mass and ACW Brunch, Saturday – 68

A unique feature of this Synod was the procedure with the Holiday Inn to make guest room reservations on a "tax-exempt" basis. We received \$5,617 and made all the reservations, which resulted in a savings of \$928 in daily room tax for everyone coming in from other locations. With the majority paying their own travel and hotel expense, offering this service was greatly appreciated. It is interesting to note that we received and processed a total of \$11,445 for hotel reservations, registrations and parish payments for meal events. Income paid all Synod expenses with a small surplus – and no parish funds were expended.

The Annual Business Meeting of the Diocese was conducted by Bishop Florenza on Friday afternoon. The following members of All Saints were elected or appointed to Diocesan Administrative Boards and Committees: Board of Directors, Wayne Holman; Ecclesiastical Court, Father Hines and Ron Waitek; Delegate to the Provincial Synod, Bill Jepson; Diocesan Altar Guild President, Marie Spencer; and Father Hines to the Board of Examining Chaplains, the Marriage Tribunal and the Discernment Committee on the Sacred Ministry. Our delegates to the Business Meeting were: Carol O'Sullivan, Sue Peterson and Charles Bolton. St. Mark's Church in Benton, Kentucky will host the 2008 Synod.

While the Clergy enjoyed their annual dinner Thursday at nearby White Fence Farm, the Laity Fellowship Dinner was held at the Rancho Santa Fe. The highlight of the Synod was the Annual Synod Banquet on Friday evening at the Holiday Inn, Bolingbrook, with Father Hines presiding. After acknowledging those who participated in the Synod program and handled events, Father Hines made the announcement that All Saints Parish has been waiting for – the Diocesan Board of Examining Chaplains approved Bob Wilson to be ordained a Deacon of the Church and plans are underway for Bishop Florenza to officiate at the special Ordination Mass. He also announced that Deacon Michael DuCette and Deacon Jonathan Filkins will be ordained Priests this summer. The Banquet concluded with the performance of the Chorus of DuPage, 24 men from 14 area communities who carry on the American tradition of barbershop singing.

Saturday morning, Bishop Florenza celebrated the Solemn High Mass of the Holy Spirit. In his Sermon, the Bishop talked about greatness and noted that the important things in life do not come easy. He used All Saints as an example of what can be accomplished by perseverance and refusing to give up in the face of adversity. Following the mass, the Synod concluded with a Brunch, hosted by our ACW in the Undercroft.

The Synod was a success because so many were willing to take on the responsibilities that were involved. Our Altar Guild, Chris Hall Directress, had a great deal to take care of with five Synod services and our regular Sunday morning Mass. Music was provided at the weekday services; and the Choir, led by Jeff David, Organist/Choir Master, added so much to the High Mass on Saturday morning.

We are indebted to the clergy from other parishes and missions who conducted the religious services – The Reverends: Richard Livingston, Harold Minor, Dwight Dibble, Robert Frederickson and Blair Schultz; and of course, Bishop Florenza. Also to the clergy who presented the three special Workshops: The Reverends: Charles Nalls; Charles Slagle, with Father Hines; and Robert Frederickson, with Amy Frederickson; as well as to Ann Barnes, Diocesan ACW President, who conducted the Annual ACW Conference.

The participation of the members of All Saints Parish was the key to success. The following are those who were responsible for planning and organizing major Synod activities:

- Daily Continental Breakfasts – Marcia and Bob Wilson and Jan and Chuck Semaan
- All-Synod Luncheon, Thursday – Libby and Chuck Bolton
- All-Synod Luncheon, Friday – Barbara Jepson
- Diocese Display and Photography – Marie and Will Spencer
- Registration and Afternoon Refreshments – Norma Stafford
- Finance, Mailings and Printed Materials – Carol O'Sullivan
- ACW Brunch, Saturday – Chris Oschman, Sue Ross and Jane Munsie

Our thanks to all those who helped with the activities above – food preparation, service, setup, clean up and purchase of supplies. The 2007 Synod was greatly enjoyed and appreciated by all our guests of the Diocese, and in the tradition of All Saints, it was a success because of the full support of the parish.

RESOLUTION

Resolution 1: Whereas All Saints Anglican Church has shown great commitment, dedication and grace in hosting our diocesan synod; and whereas Father John Hines has shown great leadership of his parish; and whereas the people of All Saints have done an outstanding job in organizing all the events of our synod; be it resolved that the Synod express its great gratitude and best wishes to Father Hines and all the people of All Saints Anglican Church

Father Blair Schultz
Synod Secretary

A JOYFUL TIME

Congratulations to our own Bob Wilson! At the recent Synod, Bob passed both the oral and written examinations for the Deaconate. Bob has been working very hard over the last year to prepare for this time and it has all paid off. A date will soon be set for his Ordination. Until then, please keep him in your prayers. We are very proud of Bob and share this joyous time with him. May God bless you, Bob +

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

The 2007 Synod of the Diocese certainly took our full attention these past few weeks. A report on the Synod is included in this issue of "The Sanctus," which should be of interest to everyone.

We are looking forward to seeing the photographs of the Synod taken by Will Spencer. Details on obtaining photographs you may wish to have are forthcoming.

Our thanks to Will Spencer, who installed new electrical outlets in the Undercroft and upstairs kitchen area, so we will have adequate power to handle the Sunday morning coffee hours and events downstairs.

Our Youth Group's "Mission to Mexico" was underway right after the Synod, and we can anticipate a full report and photographs from Youth Leaders Fabi and Dan Brush when they all return. Father Hines is with the Youth Group, and he will be gone until Saturday, June 23. As announced, do not hesitate to call Father Blair Schultz if you have a pastoral need. Father Schultz can be reached at: 630-373-0201.

Father Charles Slagle will be here to celebrate Mass on Sunday, June 17, in Father Hines' absence. As you probably know, he preceded Father Hines as Rector of All Saints.

Mark your calendar for the 2nd Annual Parish Family Picnic, to be held on Sunday, August 26, right after Mass, at the DuPage River Park just a few miles away from the church on Royce Road in Naperville. Ron and Karen Waitek and Cynthia and Bill Gelert are chairing the picnic and information is forthcoming. Remember, there is no charge. You will have nothing to bring but yourself and your family.

We are sorry that Geoffrey and Maia Wills are leaving us, as they are moving to Washington, D.C. It was a pleasure to have them and their children with us, and we wish them the very best in their new home.

The Vestry will meet after Mass on Sunday, June 24.

Bill Jepson
Senior Warden

TREASURER'S REPORT

April Income	\$ 16,755
April Expenses	\$ 11,419

Carol O'Sullivan
Treasurer

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER

Congratulations to Taiwo and Kenny Adebawale, Danny and Sharon David for all of their recent graduations. Taiwo, Kenny and Dan all graduated high school and will be starting college. Sharon David graduated from Monmouth College. We pray all the best for these young people during these important life transitions.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our 2006-2007 Sunday School year has ended! We hope it was a positive and fun learning experience for all children. We look forward to providing another exciting year of Christian education beginning in the fall.

Registration of children for the 2007-2008 year will be held in the conference room of the church on Sunday, August 26, directly after Mass. We hope to have an even larger Sunday School enrollment next school year.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our dedicated Sunday School teachers: Jean Edgerton, Barbara Jepson, Cheryl Nash and Kim Solomon. Also, thanks to Norma Stafford and Karen Waitek for their loving care of the children in the nursery. Hats off to you all!

Chuck Bolton
Sunday School Administrator

VIA CON DIOS ("Go with God")

On Tuesday, June 12, the Youth Group of All Saints embarked on their journey to Mexico. Their schedule includes first a stop in Rushville, Illinois where they will join with a non-denominational church. Then this group of 18 people will drive down and cross the border at El Paso, Texas into Juarez, Mexico. There they plan to spend several days building a home for the poor. A full report will be given once the Youth Group returns. Until then, please keep them in your prayers for safe travel and a successful mission. Most of all, your prayers are asked for the family for whom the home will be built.

Dates to Remember

June 13 – 23,
No Weekday Mass
Youth Mission Trip to Mexico
Sunday, June 17,
Father's Day
F I S H
Sunday, June 24,
Vestry Meeting
Wednesday, July 4, 9:00 AM
Independence Day Mass
Saturday, July 7, 8:30 AM
Morning Prayer followed by
breakfast and fellowship
Sunday, July 8,
ACW and ACM Meetings
Tuesday, July 10, 7:00 PM
Youth Meeting
Sunday, July 15,
Vestry Meeting
F I S H
Tuesday, July 24, 7:00 PM
Youth Meeting

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