



ST. ANDREW'S CROSS



The Brotherhood of St. Andrew of the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion Worldwide

ST. ANDREW'S CROSS FALL 2005

Hurricane help

Brothers respond to Gulf Coast churches

By Jim Goodson

AMBRIDGE, Pennsylvania – Brothers throughout the U.S. responded to the wreckage from hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma by raising - so far - \$21,345 to be used by Episcopal churches in Louisiana, Mississippi and Florida.

Six parishes damaged in those states were identified and contacted by the Brotherhood Central Office in late September and early October. Each had various amounts of damage, but all suffered from a loss of members and a subsequent shortfall of funds.

“Insurance will cover most of the physical damages to these churches,” Executive Board member Ray Talbird reported. “Our funding help will likely go to help with other costs. The loss of members has kept some of these churches from paying their rector, for example. Other churches might use the funds to help their members. Each church will determine how to use the funds.”

The churches are located in New Orleans and Metairie (Louisiana), Picayune, Hattiesburg and Pascagoula (Mississippi) and Pensacola, Florida.

Funds were raised by a special appeal in October.

The Time Is Now

Executive Board plans for growth, Orlando Triennial,

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Jessie Wallace shows off a fish he caught Oct. 22 at Camp Allen near Houston during the Fall Men and Boys Retreat. For a report on this annual Brotherhood project in the Episcopal Diocese of Texas, please see page 12.

Photo by David Hobbs

In the office with the president

Wear the armor of Christ every day

At this moment I am returning in flight from Ambridge Pennsylvania, home of our national office and Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry seminary, which kindly hosted our Fall 2005 Executive Board meeting of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

This semi-annual meeting was critical to the continuing execution of several initiatives and objectives first begun by your current administration at the 2004 National Council meeting in New Orleans Louisiana. Last year we endeavored to return the Brotherhood of St. Andrew to a Biblical standard of fiscal stewardship and you championed this effort to a successful achievement. Since then, strict policies and full disclosure have been placed into effect in order to remain accountable to you, relative to the financial aspect of our ministry. A check-up was performed during this latest Executive Board meeting and we passed the fiscal physical thanks to your prayers. Feel free to refer to the financial disclosure page in this issue.

I am pleased that your cabinet and administration are beginning to develop a level of accomplishment in terms of execution of tasks that bring you a more substantial website, complete with resource links for study materials from other men's ministries.

Field operations is coming together regarding top-down management and training opportunities are soon to be available to Provincial Presidents, Diocesan Coordinators and Chapter Directors.

Your Leadership and Development Committee has been working diligently to raise the bar of resource material availability, including a revised chapter training manual and a field operations manual for field management.

Your Evangelism Committee has printed 400 New Testament Bibles with Psalms for free distribution to potential new members. Ask for them! The Long Range Planning & Strategic Goals Committee has recently brought cost effective recommendations to streamline our methods of doing business with constituent chapters and Brothers. It gratifies me that God is blessing the Brotherhood of St. Andrew because we corporately choose to be in obedience to His Word, His Commandments and His Statutes. We are at work bringing you value-added ways and means that benefit you and give you greater chances to enjoy participating in the Great Commission and our primary mission.

I want you to know how much I count it an honor to pray for you on bended knee with regularity and to serve you. I pray for your families, your careers, your ability to strike a balance in life as a man and all your responsibilities.

Most importantly I pray for your number one priority of a closer relationship with God's own Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Stay the course, Brothers! Continue to put on the Armor of Christ every business day and let us fight the good fight, together!



Ron Warfuel

As a Brother Andrew you are also a Soldier in the Corps of Christ and I expect you to keep fit for combat duty because you and I are in the battle for the souls of men. Make it your business to tell others about ways in which Christ is at work in your life and tell us your story, too. Make a friend, be a friend and bring your friend to Christ via the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. The time is now!

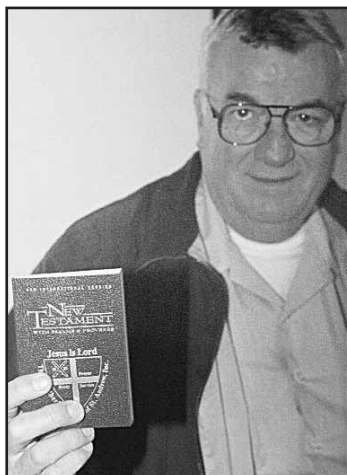
The enemy is tearing at the moral fabric of 21st century society and I implore you not to be deterred. Come to the frontline with me and let us continue the fight together. Let's pray to our King together, let's study the mind of Christ together and let us invite the Holy Spirit to help us serve together in order to bring pleasure to God.

The altitude is about 25,000-feet as the journey from the Executive Board meeting continues through Pittsburgh, Dulles Field in Washington DC and finally the home vineyard in Charleston South Carolina. I feel our kindred spirits working closely to honor The Father. Truly, God is good and He's better than that! Why? Because I see Christ working in each of you to expand His Kingdom and I am deeply grateful.

In this season of Advent and Christmastide may you celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior with a renewed heart, a rekindled mind and a fortified spirit in this 'decade of renewal.'

O come let us adore Him...

*Your servant President,
Ronald Warfuel*



Evangelism chair Ray Talbird offers Bibles with the Brotherhood logo printed on the cover for distribution as an evangelistic project. Call 724-266-5810.

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Executive Board meeting

The Time Is Now

Training future leaders is essential for future growth

By Jim Goodson

AMBRIDGE, Pennsylvania - The Time Is Now.

That's the theme Brotherhood of St. Andrew President Ron Warfuel used to guide 12 Executive Board members through two days of planning Nov. 18-19 at Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry.

Board members planned ways to grow the Brotherhood by offering new training manuals for Provincial Presidents, Diocesan Coordinators and Chapter Presidents.

"For the first time in a long time, we will have eight Provincial Presidents on board by March 2006," President Warfuel said. "The next step is to have a Diocesan Coordinator in every diocese by December, 2006.

"Brothers, the time is now," President Warfuel said. "These four simple words are the sub-theme of our main theme of Growing the Brotherhood."

The Executive Board, acting after presentations about ways to improve reporting and training techniques by Province II President Robert Dennis, discussed and approved ways to set standards for accountability for growth in Brotherhood field operations.

Warfuel also tasked the Evangelism Committee to find a new National Chaplain to succeed Bishop William J. Cox and to find a new National Missioner.

The Executive Board also took steps to upgrade the image of the Brotherhood via a comprehensive marketing and public relations plan and streamlined the organizational structure by reducing the number of committees and awards.

President Warfuel also urged Brothers to promote the new Lighthouse Chapter Award, which recognizes exceptional chapters nationwide. The first recipient of the Lighthouse Chapter is Award is the chapter



Executive Board members and committee chairs met Nov. 18-19 in Ambridge, Pennsylvania. From left are D. Quentin Witherspoon, Herman Bostick, Elmer Drapeau, David Hobbs, Robert Dennis, Ron Warfuel, Ralphe Vawter, James Blauvelt, Guy Logan, Dudley Baker and Ray Talbird.

at All Saints Episcopal Church in Sun City, Arizona.

Other awards are the Herb Lilly Presidential Award, the James Houghteling Award and the Legion Award.

Brotherhood Ambassador James Blauvelt offered a report on the just-concluded Hope and Future Conference and its implications for the Brotherhood. The Hope and Future Conference, also held in Pittsburgh, was the latest meeting to redefine the Anglican Communion's presence in North America.

Blauvelt noted that Archbishop Rowan Williams recently said that the Episcopal Church does not have the "exclusive franchise" for Anglican expression in North America.

Brotherhood Executive Board member and National Council President Ray Talbird reported that the Brotherhood's constitution welcomes chapters from "the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion," leaving the door open for chapters to form in churches affiliated with the Episcopal Church, the Anglican Communion Network and any other organization recognized by Archbishop Williams and the Anglican Communion.

Lighthouse shines on Sun City

AMBRIDGE – The Brotherhood chapter at All Saints of the Desert Episcopal Church is the first Lighthouse Award winner.

President Ron Warfuel and the Executive Board established the Lighthouse Award last year to recognize outstanding chapters

A Lighthouse brand is a current term used by top Fortune 500 companies to describe a corporation or organization that is an industry leader.

The Brotherhood chapter at All Saints of the Desert is the 12th largest in the nation and has about 30 active members. It will be recognized in July in the Brotherhood Triennial in Orlando.

Among many activities, the chapter sponsors and conducts the chapter's Alpha program sessions, constructs homes for Habitat for Humanity, sponsors the church's bookstore and conducts Lenten Wednesday night suppers.

Executive Board members also planned a number of activities for the upcoming Brotherhood Triennial July 5-9 in Orlando, Florida. The Triennial, which also involves a meeting of the National Council, will be held at the same time as the nearby Daughters of the King annual meeting.

More than 30 workshops will be offered, a trip to the Orlando Holy Land Experience and a Brotherhood of St. Andrew-Daughters of the King healing service are planned.

President Warfuel also announced plans to conduct the 2007 annual meeting in Washington, D.C. to coincide with the National Cathedral Centennial Celebration and the 2008 annual meeting to be held in Chicago to coincide with the 125th anniversary of the Brotherhood.

A Call To Prayer

The act of prayer requires expectations

My dear Brothers Andrew,

One of our bishops, of years gone by, once expressed the hope that before he died, he might be privileged to preach the Gospel to a people who had never heard it. I think I understand.

Not long ago, my wife and I accompanied by friends, an American Chinese priest and his wife, were invited to minister in a number of Churches in Singapore and Malaysia. Most were house churches to which we were taken for evening services. The four of us have been active in the healing ministry for many years and we were asked to teach about healing prayer and to pray for those who presented themselves for prayer.

For many of them, this was a new experience, but they responded with enthusiasm and with great expectation; they believed they would be healed. Often, those for whom we prayed; were surrounded by their friends and family members, who rushed forward, not only to intercede for them, but to see it happen. And it did happen so often that we were kept busy with services during the day and in the evenings for nearly a month. It was an exhausting time but one of the most rewarding times of my ministry.



**Bishop
William Cox**

In reflecting on our experience of prayers being answered with such frequency and with such great power and effectiveness, we could not but wonder why in Southeast Asia and not in our usual places of ministry. It seemed to us that the one element, so often missing, is that of expectation. It was not missing amongst those Christians; they were believers. This is not to say that we do not see prayers being answered here at home. Rather, it is the frequency and the evangelistic enthusiasm that marks many such happenings in other lands. Perhaps that element of expectation present at Pentecost is still present in people who have not lost their childlike faith. Whatever it is, that makes such a difference, none can deny our need to regain it.

Let us pray that we may experience a new love and excitement in our life of prayer.

Faithfully yours in Christ Jesus,

The Rt. Rev'd William J. Cox
National Chaplain

Philadelphia chapters conduct retreat

Several Brotherhood chapters from the Episcopal Diocese of Philadelphia conducted a retreat June 10-12 at the DuPont Memorial House in Rehobeth Beach, Delaware.

The weekend theme was male spirituality and initiative. Three study sessions were titled:

All sessions were led by The Rev. William Rich. In attendance were chapter members from St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Doylestown, Holy Apostles and the Mediator Episcopal Church and Trinity Episcopal Church in Buckingham.



Philadelphia Brothers met in Delaware.

to the St. John Community Center Food Pantry.

By hosting a parish-wide breakfast and the annual Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner the chapter, the chapter raised funds to support the church's youth ministry and send 40 young men to the annual men and boy's retreat at Camp Allen (see related story on page 12).

Andrew Grams

Soldiers receive help

COLUMBUS, Georgia - CARE packages are put together and shipped to deployed soldiers by Brothers at St. Thomas' Episcopal Church.

Brothers also toured the nearby Infantry Museum, visited local nursing homes, re-landscaped the church grounds and drove elderly parishioners to church.

The chapter also conducted two church-wide dinners.

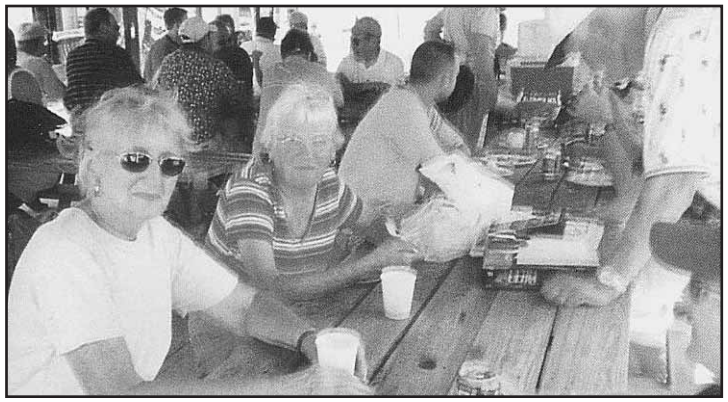
"We could use an infusion of 'new blood,'" chapter director Marcus Nerone reports. "But we have also created a strong bond within our group."

Austin honors chapter

AUSTIN, Texas - Austin mayor Will Wynn honored the Brotherhood chapter at the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection Sept. 21 for its contributions



The more time we spend together, the more we will know and understand each other. That's the theme of Brothers at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension in



Lakewood, Ohio. Two summer outings were a parish picnic and golf outing, left, and an ice cream social

Andrew Grams

St. Louis chapters combine efforts

ST. LOUIS - Brothers from three chapters met Sept. 17 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church for a breakfast meeting to determine the what kind of service projects they could perform together.

Chapters represented were from St. James the Apostle, St. Luke's and St. Michael and St. George's Episcopal churches. Steve Banton will lead efforts of the chapters to work together on several service projects.

Inmates receive party, counseling

SPARTANBURG, South Carolina - Brothers at the Church of the Advent conducted a holiday party at Livesay Correctional Institute. Eighty-five inmates attended the event, which also included Scripture readings, carols and private discussions between Brothers and the inmates.

Church of the Advent Brothers have been visiting Livesay inmates since 1972.

Chapter reaches out to Hispanics

SMITHFIELD, North Carolina - Much of the growth in the St. Paul's Episcopal Church chapter here is due to the fact that Brothers regularly invite men and youth from the church's La Iglesia San Jose mission.

St. Paul's Brothers also deliver Meals on Wheels every Friday and made improvements to a public day care center in Smithfield.

Pascagoula - before the storm

PASCAGOULA, Mississippi - Two huge dinners (600 and 800 plates) support fundraising efforts at St. John's Episcopal Church's Brotherhood chapter.

The dinners fund the sponsorship of the Brotherhood's Uganda orphanage as well as other projects. (For more on this chapter please see the story on page one about hurricane relief.)

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew, Inc. Balance Sheet As of October 28, 2005

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
101C Citizens Bank General	62,239.73
102 Citizens Bank Payroll	2,004.00
103 Credit Card Account	1,724.37
104 Petty Cash	150.00
105 PayPal	51.71
106 Citizens Bank Uganda	2,560.26
107 United Services Funds	6,842.48
107.1 Mutual Fund	39,633.06
110 Citizen's Bank - Convention	1,715.43
115 Building Fund - Citizen's Bank	15,970.85
Total Checking/Savings	132,891.89
Accounts Receivable	
1200 Accounts Receivable	80.00
Total Accounts Receivable	80.00
Total Current Assets	132,971.89

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
200 Taxes	
254 City W/H	36.22
Total 200 Taxes	36.22
260 Convention Liability	524.75
280 Building Fund Liability	-1,850.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	-1,289.03
Total Current Liabilities	-1,289.03
Total Liabilities	-1,289.03
Equity	
1110 Retained Earnings	71,300.86
3000 Opening Bal Equity	65,768.41
Net Income	-2,808.35
Total Equity	134,260.92

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A Call To Service

Brooklyn to Honduras

Brothers are helping build a day care center, orphanage

By Jim Goodson

BROOKLYN, New York - When Margarita Grachen described her plans to build a much-needed day care center in San Pedro Sula, Honduras, Brooklyn Brothers listened.

Grachen addressed an assembly of the Brotherhood's National Council July 10, 2004 in New Orleans. A former Pennsylvania-based investment banker, Grachen talked about the need to educate and provide for the children of workers in the industrial town of San Pedro Sula.

Since then, work has begun on Los Amiguitos de Jesus Day Care Center - with a lot of help from St. Philip's Episcopal Church in Dyker Heights, New York.

Each month the Brotherhood chapter sends what the church's children collect from voluntary fundraising efforts. It's been an important and steady source of support for the day care center, during this time of Gulf Coast hurricanes and the tsunami disaster that put extra strains on the Brothers' fundraising efforts.

But Grachen and Robert Dennis, Province II President and a member of the St. Philip's chapter, remain hopeful.

"God works in wonderful ways," Grachen said. "Every time there's been a need that was seemingly impossible to fill, God stepped in and found a way for this to happen."

In addition to the day care center in San Pedro Sula, Grachen is establishing orphanage in nearby Villanueva. Both will be called Los Amiguitos de Jesus (Jesus' Little Friends).

The day care center targets children whose parents work in nearby industrial parks. Grachen's goal is to serve about 60 pre-schoolers and 15 school age children. "Older children will have a place to do their homework and receive tutoring, if necessary," Grachen said.

In addition to an academic program, Los Amiguitos de Jesus will emphasize prayer, Bible readings and age-appropriate worship.

The orphanage will be built on land owned by the Anglican diocese in



The walls have been completed by Los Amiguitos de Jesus Day Care Center in San Pedro Sula, Honduras. The next step is the roof. At left are the administrative offices and kitchen; at right is the after school room.

Honduras adjacent to a recreation area. "This will create a neighborhood and home environment," Grachen said. "The children will attend the nearby Anglican church.

"There are vast numbers of orphans in Honduras. In some cases, the children truly do not have living parents. In others, the children have been left behind because their parents could not support them. They suffer from malnutrition and are not provided an education.

"These children need a place to live, grow healthy, be nurtured and learn about Jesus Christ."

The project needs about \$15,000 for construction to be finished, Grachen said. "The walls have been plastered, beams for the roof are ready and the roof is being put on," she said. "In addition, some of the electrical work has been done. We have enough funds to finish the roof, put windows and doors in the house, finish the plastering in the second floor and finish the sanitary infrastructure.

"This work will be stretched out over the next three weeks. At which point we would like to install the floor in all the classrooms. The cost to put the floor in is \$4,800. After that we could do doors (\$3,225) and windows (\$6,290)."

Anyone wishing to contribute can send checks payable to the South American Missionary Society, PO Box 399, Ambridge, PA. 15003-0399. Write Los Amiguitos in the memo line.

Funds for the project are kept in a separate account and will be remitted as the project progresses. Arrangements can also be made for automatic bank account deductions or for automatic credit card charges. If you wish to do so, please call SAMS at 724-266-0669. You may also make a contribution through the SAMS website at www.sams-usa.org.

Brother Dennis can also be contacted at rdennis4@nyc.rr.com and Margarita Grachen can be reached at MargaritaGrachen@aol.com.

Update: Rain, Rain, more rain

"It has been raining steady for four days," Margarita Grachen wrote Nov. 21 in an email to Robert Eennis. "The steady rain caused by the leftover of tropical storm 27 - and a cold front coming from the U.S. - is not letting the rain go away.

"We are fine here, but the rural areas suffer. Please pray for those affected. We are mobilizing to collect and distribute food and clothing. We know that you guys cannot provide that, but you can pray (which is more important!)"

The Serenity Prayer

By Jerry Balcom

Perhaps, like me, you might not be aware that the well known *Serenity Prayer* has more than the familiar part we have prayed. Below is the original version as composed by the theologian Reinhold Niebuhr. (1892-1971)

*God, give us grace to accept with serenity the things that cannot be changed,
courage to change the things which should be changed, and the wisdom to distinguish the one from the other.
Living one day at a time,
Enjoying one moment at a time,
Accepting hardship as a pathway to peace,
Taking, as Jesus did,
This sinful world as it is,
Not as I would have it,
Trusting that You will make all things right,
If I surrender to Your will,
So that I may be reasonably happy in this life,
And supremely happy with You forever in the next.*

Amen

Jerry Balcom is a past National President of the Brotherhood.

Our challenge: Prayer

By Mike Borno

Why is it that we only stop and pray when we think we want or need something changed in our life or the life of someone in need?

I believe the answer is we are not committed to following Jesus and have not truly given our hearts, nor led our lives every moment. This leads to what can we do to change this, and that is really study the Bible.

Do you feel that you are only going through the motions of studying the Bible. Why? Do you not have or want to set up a group of fellow Brothers to really study, discuss what is read, and how each of us in the room can change our ways? The Bible is a tried-and-true document that when studied, studied and studied will open the door to each of us to change our lives and follow Jesus.

Once that happens, each of us will be able to lead others to Jesus I write this believing in Jesus and his teachings. I have received several letters forwarded from The Brotherhood of St Andrew National Office, keeping me informed of chapter reports being submitted, and some have indicated that their chapter gone inactive. Some indicate that their is no interest or drive left.

This makes me challenge each Brother that reads this to take up Cross of Jesus Christ and look each other in the eye and reaffirm the fact we all have pledged to lead others to Jesus. We do not do this in one hour meetings. We do it by invitation, one on one to whoever we meet to come look us over, and see if they are not ready to follow Jesus with us.

This leads me back to prayer. We are not praying often enough or hard enough my Brothers, or we would be overrun with members of the Brotherhood of St Andrew. Please pray for me and all current and future Brothers Andrew.

Brother Mike Borno is president of Province IV.

A Call To Prayer

Tips on using our disciplines

By Robert Dennis

Prayer: Say: Heavenly Father, we ask that you bless and inspire the members of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew to reach out to other men and boys, leading them to a closer personal relationship with our Lord and savior, Jesus Christ. Help us to know when to pray, when to act, and when to wait in Holy Silence. Please continue to bestow upon us the gifts you have so freely given to us, so we may live a life in you, and fulfill our mission purpose. If we become weary, lift us up, when we fall, help us stand, and when we lose hope, renew our faith in your loving kindness and that you are in charge, always. Amen.

Study: Read: Isaiah, Chapter 40: 29-31. "He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

Reflection: Each day of our life is filled with activity, work, pressures to get things done and to finish everything in one day. Then hopefully to rest, and the next day, start all over again. Our Lord God gives us strength, but we forget that he is there beside us each day, living our lives with us. When you walk down a dark path in life, ask Him to light the way for you, trusting in the Lord to get us where we need to be. Our strength is renewed by our faith in Him, even if we stumble and fall. We can soar like an eagle rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, knowing that through it all, He is there with each one of us.

Service: Try: Invite the man who said, "No, I don't have the time right now to attend a chapter meeting." Pray for him, and then ask him again. If he needs a ride to Church, offer to pick him up, and later bring him home. All you are doing is what Andrew did, leading men to Christ. By reaching out to him, you are bringing a Christian brother further along in his spiritual journey, and showing him support, that he is not alone.

Brother Robert Dennis is Province II President. He offers the above column for Brothers to use in their chapter meetings.

A Call To Prayer

Prayers and the Central Office

Staff, national officers develop a Brotherhood prayer chain

By Jim Goodson

Who knows how fast prayers travel? You would think instantaneously, even for Middle Age monks in the 15th Century.

But thanks to email and the Brotherhood of St. Andrew Central Office, prayer requests now travel up and down the Internet as fast as the speed of light.

At least that's my experience after suffering a heart attack Aug. 21 that left me gasping for breath – and for help. Luckily, my fiancée Robin was with me at the time. She dialed 911 almost immediately after I came in from mowing on a 101-degree Texas day suffering from nausea, shortness of breath and tightening in the chest.

I made it to the hospital in time to survive. I missed five weeks of work, and also was out of commission for awhile as communications person for the Brotherhood. But an amazing thing happened on the very first day of my hospital stay. Brothers from throughout the nation contacted Robin and me, letting us know their prayers were with us.

How did Rudy Vartanian in



Cindi Davies

California, Ray Talbird in Florida, Jerry Balcom and Bill Ferguson in New Hampshire, David Hobbs in Texas and Brothers throughout the world, really, know about my heart attack so quickly?

It's because of Cindi Davies in the Central Office, that's why.

She maintains an unofficial but comprehensive prayer list on her computer at the Brotherhood office.

"It's not me, it's a God thing," Cindi says. "I was getting a lot of requests for prayer for brothers and their spouses and rather than keep them to myself, I thought it would be good to send them along to the Executive Board and the National Council. So that's what I've been doing.

"So far it's been very successful except that I don't receive updates often enough from those who have asked for prayer.

"I'm open to any chapter directors who want to start the same thing on a chapter level. I have probably two who have expressed interest so far.

"That's all there is to it. I don't remember when I started it, but I'm not going to stop until someone says I have to."

So if you have someone in need of prayer, just contact Cindi or Sue at the Central Office (724-266-5810) or www.brotherhoodofstandrew@earthlink.net. From there, emails are sent to Executive Board and National Council members. From there, they travel to individual chapters and churches throughout the world.

During National Council and Executive Board meeting the past few months, there has been a lot of talk about how to utilize the Internet to streamline Central Office operations for billing, recordkeeping and other purposes. Although several ideas have been put forth, nothing has been finalized.

But the Brotherhood prayer chain is up-and-running. It's nice to know we have our priorities in order.

Jim Goodson is communications director for the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Faith Alive asks for prayers, schedules weekends for 2006

ALBUQUERQUE, New Mexico - It's not too late schedule a Faith Alive weekend for your church.

Founded by Brotherhood of St. Andrew members in December, 1970, Faith Alive is a New Mexico-based organization that "carries Christ's love to Episcopal congregations and elsewhere."

The first Faith Alive weekend of 2006 is scheduled for Jan. 13-15 at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Others are scheduled for St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Dallas (Jan. 20-22); St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Hilton Head, South Carolina; Holy Trinity

Episcopal Church in Nevada City, California; Christ Episcopal Church in Quaker Farms, Connecticut; Trinity Episcopal Church in Morgantown, West Virginia and St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Seaford, Delaware.

Nearly 2,400 Faith Alive weekends have been held in Episcopal churches, 39 have been held in Lutheran churches, 26 in Presbyterian churches, nine in the United Church of Christ, seven in Methodist churches and five in Roman Catholic churches.

Faith Alive is a lay witness program that typically invigorates congregations. It encourages parishioners to make a deeper

commitment to Jesus Christ and to commit themselves to one another and to their church.

Faith Alive weekends bring parishioners together to share with one another the power of prayer, the joys of music and song and the strength of Christ-centered fellowship.

They also provide the tools for future growth that enables lay men and women to develop fruitful ministries.

For information about Faith Alive call 505-255-3233 and visit www.faithalive.org.

A Call To Study

Scripture: You must know its history, purpose

By Bobby Helton

Study and learn.

Learning is achieved in many ways, casually or intentional, but study is intentional.

“I do not want to be understood, I want to understand,” is what Clare of Assisi said. And to study is to understand what you are reading.

You can study on your own or in a study group or in a Bible class. If on your own, you can follow the pattern in the Lectionary, read Day by Day, but plan a time away, alone, without temptation to “check the six o’clock news” or glance at the daily paper. Give yourself a retreat on the back porch (if you have one!) and allow time not only to read but pause to contemplate what you just read.

I would suggest that if you’re starting a regimen of study, begin by reading Chapter 15 of the Acts of the Apostles. Simplified here, it tells about the very first Church Council at Jerusalem but says that you do not have to get burdened by the Law (from what is now called the Old Testament) and this will probably free up your mind if you’re feeling bad about not reading the Old Testament very much! (This writer quasi-translates Acts 15 as “forget Leviticus.”)

Many Brotherhood chapter meetings, usually on Saturday morning, include at their study time the Gospel for the following day followed by discussion. If you are studying that way, then it would be good for your own personal study time to choose the suggested epistle or other Bible portion assigned. In that case, it would also be good to study “how the prayer book works” so that you can find the appointed lesson on your own.

A good aid to study is to read the biographies in the book called Lesser Feasts and Fasts. You’ll learn that Patrick of Ireland was English. And that we think of Monnica as special mainly because she put up with her son Augustine. Lots of good stuff in the LFF.

When you are reading a lesson that you do not understand it would be good to read also from an older translation, say, the King James Bible, if you are reading from the Revised Standard or Good News, because words are changed and you might interpret them differently. When I taught Church School, we used the Good News Bible because it was language which young people could understand. Instead of “thou shalt not” it would be “don’t do that” and so on!

This is important: read the Bible for what it says; do not go by what other people say it says. It wasn’t really written “for us today” as some teach, because most people thought that Jesus would be returning, perhaps within their lifetime.

True, of course, much can apply today. Remember, too, that although the Bible contains all things necessary for Salvation, not everything in it is necessary for Salvation.

There was no such thing as the Good Samaritan or the Prodigal Son. Those were just examples as a way of teaching.

(There’s that Acts 15 again!) And try to learn the social tradition, roles and rules of the people at the time of the writings. This would require books other than the Bible.

It’s easier, for example, to understand much of Moses’s dietary laws if you stop to realize that Moses didn’t have a GE dishwasher that cleaned dishes at 1,500 degrees!

Keep in mind, also, that the writings were put down long after the event happened. The event is translated from a translation or other words chosen whereas today they would call it hearsay in a legal ruling. This is where trust and faith come into play.

But do not ever put yourself in the place of the Charlotte Baptist preacher who - and he actually put this in writing! - said to not believe any of those supposed translations into Greek but believe only the original word of God as written in the King James Bible. Some people obviously haven’t studied at all!

Things familiar in daily life are used as examples in teaching; we call them parables. Shock yourself by realizing there was no such thing as the Good Samaritan or the Prodigal Son. Those were just examples as a way of teaching. And learning. Why were people always referred to as sheep? There was no heavy industry back then, and sheep were for wool. They had to find that hundredth sheep to obtain the fleece for wool to make payroll!

Why did Paul create a lot more rules than was instructed or authorized at (Acts 15) the First Council of Jerusalem? All this “wondering why” will surely get you side tracked, but that is the process of learning. And understanding.

Once your study regimen is established you will more easily create the time for it and likely include others to aid in the discussion and learning another point of view of the same story. You can always learn from others but when it conflicts, rather than argue, go back to your Bible and check it out. Though difficult to read - and unless you can read Greek - use the older version.

There is a story of a person who was a long time Episcopalian and decided for the first time to enroll in a Bible class and after a few sessions a friend asked how the class was going and the response was something like “Wow. This is great and I’ve learned so much. I didn’t realize the Bible had so many quotes from the Prayer Book.”

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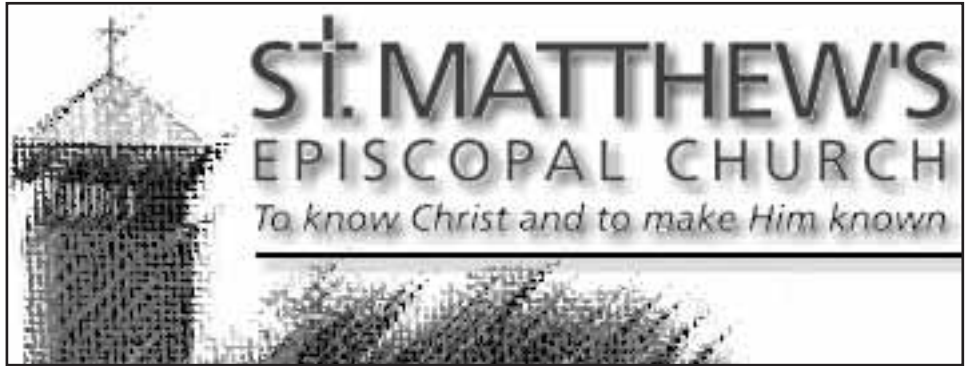
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Of Brothers and Daughters

Austin's Jim Newman outlines history, mission opportunities

Editor's note: The following speech by Brother Jim Newman of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Austin was delivered to the church's Daughters of the King chapter Oct. 11.

It is being reprinted here after being submitted by Brother Jerry Balcom as an example of the ways Brotherhood and DOK chapter can work together in mission. Brother Newman's speech also contains an excellent history of the Brotherhood.

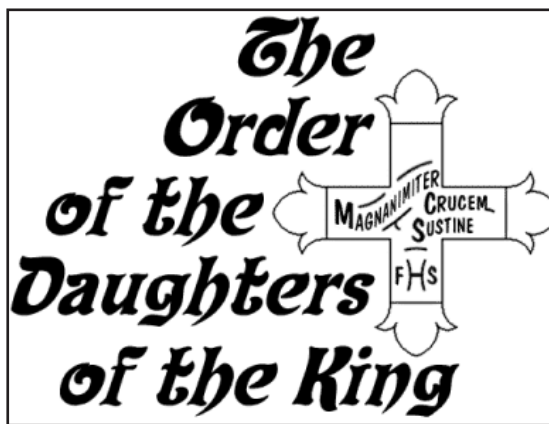


By Jim Newman

First of all I am glad to be talking to you the Daughters of the King, I owe you a big THANK YOU. Let me explain.

It is good to for us Brotherhood members to find ways to introduce and start new chapters in other parishes. We want to share the good news. As a result, the Brotherhood National office is always seeking to learn how to get a new chapter started. As a result of the help we have gotten here from the St. Cecelia DOK Chapter I can report to them, "It is easy!" Just find a DOK chapter with a Director like Diane Sparks who has a husband like Jim Sparks and "It's a done job." Jim has done an outstanding job in getting things put together so we can charter our new St. Matthew's chapter. We appreciate it. Since Diane's instructions to me for this presentation were for it to be "short" please understand that when I say "our" I mean The Brotherhood of St. Andrew and when I say "you" or "yours" I mean The Daughters of the King. This should save some time.

I have been an active member, or member-at-large of the Brotherhood for a long time. The rector at Good Shepherd Church in Lexington, Kentucky, interested a few of us to get into an Episcopal Church group for men that none of us had ever heard of before. And so we did. After I moved here to Austin I had to become a member at large. I finally did find out there was a chapter at Good Shepherd but they were a small group that met at noon with the rector for Bible Study. Since I was still working that didn't work out very



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well for me.

I stayed in touch and finally found there were parishes in the Houston area with active Brotherhood chapters. In fact, they were having a Diocese of Texas area meeting at Camp Allen. I went and was welcomed with open arms and to an entirely new area of the greater Brotherhood, and to many new friends. That's enough introductions about me; now let us move to the National Brotherhood

level.

In the October St. Matthew's WORD, Jim Sparks, our director had a good article about us. In this he wrote, correctly, our purpose and objective "Is the spread of Christ's kingdom, especially among men and youth, through the disciplines of prayer, study and service. We invite all men and youth of the Church to join." Now let us take a speedy look back at some of our history. It will have to be somewhat sketchy; we can't take 122 years one year at a time!

The story starts in Chicago at a time when Chicago was a fast growing city with operations like steel mills and the stock yards attracting men from outlying areas to come in to Chicago to work. Many had to come in without their families and the only places to offer housing were in the downtown apartment complexes. In 1883, a group of 12 young men in the downtown Episcopal Church, St. James, took concern for these men as an outreach ministry. They invited them to Bible Study in the church. And these lonely men gladly accepted such a deal.

As could well be expected, some of the congregation didn't quite like the idea of these "fellows" coming into "their"

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Bible Study group founded the Brotherhood

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church. Thankfully, the idea persisted. Then the 12 decided that there should be a lay organization within the Episcopal Church for men. There must have been some influential men in the group as the Brotherhood was incorporated in 1908 by an Act of Congress signed by President Theodore Roosevelt.

You may know better than I when your Daughters started as a national organization. My sources indicated that it officially started in 1885. I don't know where or how or by whom it was started. It is just my guess that, perhaps, wives or friends of Brothers, decided it was a good idea so why don't we have our own organization, and they went right ahead and started it. Good for them!

Now, let's jump ahead a few years in our search, to 1901 to be exact. Recently I happened to be going through some old family records and came across something I had seen before but hadn't paid any particular notice to.. It was a copy that had been made of a church newsletter, sort of like our monthly *WORD*. It was dated March, 1901 and was for All Saints Episcopal Church, Portsmouth, Ohio (which was to become my home parish many years later). Probably why it was in our family papers was that it had the name of my future mother, Addie Merrill, listed as the "Librarian for the Choir." In looking at it more closely I noticed something else of importance - listed were church organizations, along with a committee of Recitals and Auditing, The Altar Society, and, what caught my attention - The Brotherhood of Saint Andrew AND The Daughters of the King. It was interesting to me to note that the Daughters' officers were listed as "President" and "Vice President" and that all the officers were "Miss", whatever that might mean.

Years later when I was an adult active member at All Saints I had never heard of these two old organizations. Their history had been forgotten. Guess that's just the way things come and go in any organization. Things do change. I have a copy here. It's interesting. At that time it must have been OK but you can see that they sold "ad" space to help pay for the cost of printing their quarterly News. How about that! Now let's take a brief look at some of Brotherhood activities through the years.

We will consider things on the National level first. There have been some outstanding outreach projects that I know of in which the Brotherhood has been actively involved. Going back to World War I, which is certainly "way back" for most of us, we look at one of these. We know now of "Chaplains," for hospitals, armed services, to seaman, etc. At the time of WWI, the Episcopal Church did not have such to minister to our troops. Brothers on the national level managed to succeed in convincing the National Church to allow Brothers to minister to our troops, where they were located. These Brothers were called "lay readers." It was the start of something good, which we know has continued, and been expanded with the addition of "lay Eucharistic ministers."

In past years, we have reached out to our Native American

Indians to help them charter Brotherhood chapters with personal assistance and a "no dues" policy. The first Brotherhood National Council I attended was held at Colorado Springs. It was a wonderful experience to meet men from around the Country. One group that attended was from an Indian Chapter in North Dakota, and they were included in part of the program.

Another interesting note from the 1950s-60s was the formation within the Episcopal Church of an organization named PEWSACTION. It was started to assist the many lay organizations of the Episcopal Church to have a sort of umbrella under which they could be more aware of what all was going on; to not duplicate each other but to assist each other. The Daughters and Brothers were both very active in both starting and maintaining this PEWSACTION organization. Other lay organizations included, that I can recall were SAMS (South American Missionary Society); AFP (Anglican Fellowship of Prayer); ABC (Anglican Book Club); Marriage Encounter; Church Army USA, some 15 in total.

Brotherhood former national president Hugh Bellas informed me he had worked closely with then-Daughters President Bertha Milbank of Wichita, Kansas to help set up PEWSACTION. A Brother from Lake Jackson, Texas is the present national director of Church Army USA. These lay organizations were successful in getting the General Convention of the Episcopal Church to establish a National Office of Evangelism. The Rev. A. Wayne Schwab became the first one in charge of the Office.

Shortly later the Brotherhood and the National Office of Evangelism co-sponsored a National Conference on Evangelism. It was held at the Episcopal Seminary in Evanston Ill, the Seabury-Western, and was very successful and I attended it.

Moving up to 1970, the Brotherhood was very active in starting the Faith Alive movement, which continues to be very active today and which many of you may have participated in. We have had several memorable ones here at St. Matthew's. I quote from the recent Faith Alive Newsletter: "Faith Alive was created by Episcopalians who were members of the Brotherhood and had attended Methodist Lay Witness Weekends. That Brotherhood Past President, Fred Gore, got Faith Alive off to an excellent start. We are thankful for his efforts.

Now let's look briefly at local chapters of the Brotherhood. I find they vary greatly in many aspects. The Chapter at St. Timothy's, Lake Jackson has been outstanding and for years they have held Bible Study classes within a prison a few miles away. This even evolved into an active Brotherhood chapter within the prison walls. A large chapter.

Another outstanding outreach by a chapter happened in Houston at Trinity Church, a downtown Church with street people all about. With the Rector and the Brotherhood working together

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Brothers-Daughters history goes back to 1901

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the result has become the Church of Lord of the Streets, a mission church. You have probably read about it in our diocesan newsletter.

In order to take advantage of other chapters' ideas and outreach, chapters in the Austin area meet yearly, and we have the Diocese of Texas Assembly, with officers. It has been wonderful for me to be going to these events and meeting guys from all around our area.

In the past our Texas Assembly occasionally sponsored events at Camp Allen that were open to the public. One was a series of conferences called Meet Your Bishops that presented Bishops from around this area. They were well attended. As weekends at Camp Allen got too expensive we just had to stop offering them. But, for the last several years the Texas Assembly has been providing a free weekend at Camp Allen for Disadvantaged Youth (mostly from the Houston Area) with Brothers providing all necessary guidance and activities. Chapters all throughout the Episcopal Church are each carrying out their ministries in various ways. Our magazine *St. Andrew's Cross* continually carries stories on these various activities.

In conclusion I again want to thank you for inviting me to your meeting. I hope that together, we have gotten a better idea of who

the two of us are as Daughters and Brothers.

One thought in leaving, I hope I might have challenged you to explore beyond your St. Cecelia chapter to find and get to know some of those wonderful people in chapters outside of St. Matthew's, not only in our diocese but on the national level. Your national president Sharon Lundgren is from Austin. Go to your next Triennial which is being held in Orlando, Florida and learn of all that is going on nationally and meet women from around the country. Our Triennial is also in Orlando and overlaps yours. The Brotherhood has much to learn from your success in starting and building chapters.

Lastly I want to leave a thought with you. In getting information for this talk, it is apparent that our national officers are very interested in our two Episcopal lay organizations and that we both should be working to encourage and help each other in our important ministries. One small way might be for parishes that have both Daughters and Brothers to occasional have a devotional meeting together, after which each could have their individual regular meeting.

Former Brotherhood National President, Jerry Balcom mentioned that his chapter in Oklahoma did this. He even sent me a copy of the short devotional from the 16th addition of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew Devotional Handbook that provided for such. I'm leaving a copy with you for your future consideration.

Texas Brothers sponsor Fall Boys' Retreat

By David Hobbs

CAMP ALLEN, Texas - The Brotherhood of Saint Andrew Diocesan Assembly sponsored Fall Boy's Retreat in Camp Allen's Campsite 3 Oct. 21-23.

The retreat focuses on third to eighth grade boys to be exposed to the gospel in a non-church setting. A special effort focuses on bringing boys from inner city and high risk situations into a safe environment for the weekend.

Attendance was down due to conflicts with rescheduled events because of Hurricane Rita. Nineteen boys heard the Gospel message presented through a contemporary band and witnesses as well as being mentored in supervised Trinity Groups with the adults in camp.

Twenty-four men were present from Resurrection, Austin; St. Matthews, Austin; Good Shepherd, Friendswood; The Lord of the Streets, Houston; Redeemer,

Houston; St. James, Houston, St. Timothy's, Lake Jackson; Holy Comforter, Spring; and Trinity, Woodlands. Several non Brotherhood members attended from Friendswood, Houston, and Lake Jackson.

The director of the Inner City Youth, The Rev. Prince Cousinard, came with the boys attending from his program.

Some of the major activities included a scavenger hunt with one team presenting pictures of the things they could not find. Also, the boys participated in a messy game where normal items like plastic ketchup bottles come in contact with extraordinary forces like a sledge hammer. The schedule allowed for the normal activities of canoeing, four square ball, basketball game, and the traditional retreat fishing tournament.

The food was cooked in camp by teams from Good Shepherd, Friendswood; St. James, Houston, and the BBQ by St. Timothy's, Lake Jackson. The participants were sent home with drinks,

chips and sandwiches prepared by the brothers at Good Shepherd, Tomball.

The spiritual leader for the retreat was the Rev. Robert Moore from Good Shepherd, Friendswood. Father Moore performed the closing Eucharist in the lake side chapel area of the campsite. After which each boys was given a letter of appreciation and encouragement by his Trinity Group leader.

Funding for the event came from Brotherhood Members around the diocese. The major donations came from Resurrection, Austin; St. Matthews, Austin, St. James, Conroe; Good Shepherd, Friendswood; and St. Timothy's, Lake Jackson.

The next event of the Diocesan Assembly will be the Spring Adult Retreat on February 24 and 25, 2006, at the Cathedral Oaks Conference Center near Weimar, Texas, and will be lead by the Rt. Rev. Rayford High. Registration is limited to 80 men.

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Evangelism for shy people

Atlanta Assembly hears ways to avoid using Episcopal lingo

By Bobby J. Helton

MARIETTA, Georgia - The Assembly Meeting of the Diocese of Atlanta's Brotherhood chapters met at the Episcopal Church of Saint Peter and Saint Paul, East Cobb (Marietta), Georgia Sept. 17.

The meeting began with a full breakfast menu of items prepared by Brotherhood Chefs and, following breakfast and coffee, we settled into a "chapter meeting mode" by opening with the Brotherhood manual's service. Then the *Brotherhood Hymn* which includes, by the way, an extra verse written by (the late) Bishop Child; it is the verse "So, like Andrew, may we go forth ..."

That was followed by a Study session and reading and discussing the Gospel for the following day, the parable of the workers in the vineyard in Matthew 20. Following the discussions the ongoing Service projects by the local Saint Peter and Saint Paul chapter were discussed and work schedules amended in accordance with needed changes in the concept of the project in conjunction with a nearby parish, and assistance in the home of a wheelchair-bound person.

Speaker The Rev. Canon Rick Calloway, Canon to the Ordinary in the Diocese of Atlanta, spoke and he chose a speech title certain to grab your attention: Evangelism, the Alleluia Fund for Mission, and Would You Ask Your Grandmother to Train for the Olympics?

On the topic of our much avoided, it seems, Evangelism, he brought copies of a delightful little booklet published by The Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts called *A Shy Person's Guide to the Practice of Evangelism* and we do recommend you contact them about additional copies for your use. Call 617-482-5800 or www.diomass.org and inquire of availability and cost. An interesting suggestion is to use common terms when speaking with one who is not an Episcopalian. Instead of "it's on the credenza in the narthex" just say "it's on the table in the hall!" It suggests other little terms to avoid at first.

The Alleluia Fund is intended to plant new churches within the Diocese and voluntarily funding this regularly is also an evangelism event because it establishes or identifies possible church-



Above, chefs prepare breakfast Sept. 17 prior to the Atlanta Assembly meeting. At left is Canon to the Ordinary The Rev. Rick Calloway of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta.

es or sites in areas now without any Diocesan presence and receipt of such funds will be celebrated during the Great Fifty Days, when we do indeed say Alleluia!

Now what to do with your grandmother for the Olympics? Well, more simply put, do not

ask or encourage anyone to help with something they are not totally able to do. You would not (hopefully!) ask someone wheelchair-bound to paint a Habitat room. But they would want to help in other ways. There was, regretfully, not time to full explore this phase of his presentation.

The meeting ended with the Brotherhood's manual of prayers and then the local chapter director, Billy Harrison, offered an annual opportunity for the Assembly to meet there. They are certainly one of the most energetic chapters in the Diocese.

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St. Matthew's
Austin, TX

St. John's
Delhi, NY

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Ed Dorado, AR

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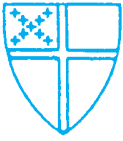
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Christopher Fry: National Treasurer

The Central Office was only recently notified that Bro. Christopher Fry passed away in 2004.

Bro. Chris was the National Treasurer of the Brotherhood for many years beginning in the early 1980s. Chris' favorite scripture was Numbers 6:24-26.



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Chicago Assembly recognizes its youth

By *William H. Scruggs*

CHICAGO - The Chicago Brotherhood of St. Andrew and the diocesan youth council held its 11th annual youth recognition luncheon April 30 at St. Charles' Episcopal Church in St. Charles, Illinois.

The luncheon honored diocesan youth who distinguished themselves as active ministers in their parishes and communities. Bishops William D. Persell and Victor A. Scantlebury gave each youth a certificate of honor signed by themselves and by diocesan coordinator Bill Scruggs and youth ministries director Sue

Cromer of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago.

Youths honored were Nicholas Thomas Aguina, Dennis McCarthy Barron, Sarah Butler, Anna Hope Duchossois, Katherine Ann Evans, Joshua Goldman, Benjamin M. Gutknecht, Ashley H. Hayes, Robin Marie Hepker, Stephen Ishmael, Hongjong Isaiah Joo, Fritz Nikolas Koch, Kevin John Mead, Alexander Gordon Meade, Erin Ashley Miceika, Stephanie L. Murphy, Steven Pusateri, Anne E. Turner, Laura M. Turner and Thomas Van Nortwick.

