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WELCOME

On behalf of Christ the King University Parish and the staff of the Office of Campus Ministry, welcome to our newsletter created to provide a forum for chaplains to share ideas, programs, initiatives. In this first edition, we hope to share some suggestions in time for Thanksgiving celebrations.

In future editions, we would love to hear your voice—please let us know how we can serve—or what gifts you can share with all of us. All suggestions would be most welcome at kings@uwo.ca.

Yours in His Service
Father Michael Bechard

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Some Thanksgiving Prayers

Thanksgiving

For each new morning with its light,
For rest and shelter of the night,
For health and food,
For love and friends,
For everything Thy goodness sends.
(Emerson)

Moravian Blessing

Come, Lord Jesus, our guest to be
And bless these gifts
Bestowed by Thee.
And bless our loved ones everywhere,
And keep them in our loving care.

We Give Thanks

Our Father in Heaven,
We give thanks for the pleasure
Of gathering together for this occasion.
We give thanks for this food
Prepared by loving hands.
We give thanks for life,
The freedom to enjoy it all
And all other blessings.
As we partake of this food,
We pray for health and strength
To carry on and try to live as
You would have us.
This we ask in the name of Christ,
Our Heavenly Father. Amen.



Campus Ministry Team



Youth in solidarity with the oppressed



(Reverend) Michael Béchard was born in Woodslee, Ontario and after graduating from King's University College (BA, 1991), he studied theology at St. Peter's Seminary (M.Div., 1994). Ordained a deacon for the Diocese of London in 1994 and a presbyter in 1995, Father Béchard has served at various parishes in the Diocese of London and after completing studies at the University of Notre Dame (MA, 2000), Michael took up his current position at King's University College.

Father Béchard is currently an instructor at St. Peter's Seminary, serves as the Master of Ceremonies for the Diocese of London, is the Chair of the Board of Directors for Canadian Catholic Campus Ministry (www.cccm.ca) and Co-Chair of the Centre for Catholic Jewish Learning (<http://www.kings.uwo.ca/ccjl/>).

In the past number of years, Michael was actively engaged in the work of World Youth Day at both a diocesan and national level. Much of this work facilitated the CTV network calling on his expertise in the area of the church's liturgical life and the ministry of the Holy Father. He is currently enrolled at Drew University (New Jersey, USA) where he hopes to complete a Doctor of Ministry in the area of Christian Worship. He proudly shares his little apartment with Digger, The Wonder Dog and dutifully tends to the needs of his two cats, Frances and Claire.



Sister Susan Glaab, CSJ has been a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph of London for 30 years. She graduated with a B.A. from King's University College in 1987 and a B.Ed. from Lakehead University, Thunder Bay in 1988. For a number of years Sister Susan taught elementary school for the Huron-Perth District School Board and then served as Vocation Director for her community for six years. She received her Spiritual Direction qualification from the Haden Institute, North Carolina in 2006 and will begin Comprehensive Bereavement Skills Training at the Coping Centre, Cambridge Ontario in the fall of 2008.

As a member of the Campus Ministry Team, Sister Susan coordinates the Religious Life Lecture Series and student and parish based programmes including retreats and evenings of prayer and study. Sister Susan also provides Spiritual Direction to both King's University College and the wider community. In addition to these responsibilities Sister Susan serves on both the London Diocesan Vocations Committee and the Executive of the London Deanery Conference.

Annette Panchaud was born in Toronto and, despite the fact that she wanted to attend Kings, completed her undergraduate studies in English with a minor in Christianity and Culture at St. Michael's College, Toronto. After a brief foray into chaplaincy at a high school in Oshawa, she returned to St. Michael's College (Toronto School of Theology) to complete her Master of Divinity (1995). In 1994 she married her husband Jim. After living in North Vancouver for 6 years, they moved to London where they now live with their 3 children and an "Ark"-full of pets (dogs, cats, lizards, guinea pigs, fish). While in Vancouver, Annette coordinated parish outreach efforts to youth and also collaborated at a diocesan level to promote comprehensive youth ministry and the pilgrimage to World Youth Day 2002. Along with Jim, she has facilitated Parish Mission and Retreat experiences.

Annette has also coordinated two diocesan youth events in London and was the chair of the planning committee for the Jean Vanier "Messengers of Hope" conference at Kings College in 2006.

Campus Ministry Team

Janet Loo, BSc, BMus, MMus - Liturgical Facilitator/Director of Music Ministry Janet is excited to be part of the Campus Ministry team at King's University College beginning this fall. Her area of responsibility is in music ministry and liturgical facilitation, which involves working with the choirs, establishing a program of prayer with the songs of Taizé, and organizing the ministers that serve at Sunday liturgies.

A native of Toronto, Janet has been actively involved in music ministry leadership since 1995. She has directed choirs at the University of St. Michael's College in Toronto, Holy Rosary Church in Toronto, and, most recently, at St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica in London. Her music ministry outreach has also extended to the medium of television as she worked for several years with the Redemptorist Community on the Perpetual Help Devotions program on Vision TV.

Janet has a close connection with the prayer and music of the Ecumenical Monastic Community of Taizé, having recorded on one of their CDs and directed choirs in their community in France. In recent years, she has directed music at their larger prayer gatherings in North America, including World Youth Days in Toronto, the North America Taizé Meeting in Montréal, and the Archdiocese of Detroit Jubilee Celebration.

As a music educator, she is currently an adjunct faculty member at Western's Don Wright Faculty of Music. She has also led numerous music workshops at conferences, parishes and faculties of theology, including being on faculty at the Ontario Liturgical Conference Summer School for Musicians. Janet holds a Master of Music degree in Vocal Performance and Literature from the University of Western Ontario.



The Convocation Liturgy
at King's

Claire Mortera was born and raised in Philippines. She received a B.S. degree in Geology, and worked as an Ozanam scholar at Adamson University; an institution run by the Vincentian priests. After graduation, she joined a mining company and worked as an environmentalist and mine geologist. In 1985 she married Nandy, joined him in Papua New Guinea and from there started a family. They were forced to leave due to civil unrest and decided to migrate to Canada. She is the mother of two young adults: Genny, who is an alumnus of UWO (French), and Mark, who is currently studying Business and Management at the University of Ottawa. Claire worked for an oil and gas company in London as geological technician/site geologist for three years and returned to school to study Computer Programming/Network Specialist. After completing the Y2K Project working for Canada Trust, Claire joined the campus ministry team in 2000. Claire enjoys travelling, routinely exercising and playing the guitar in her spare time. Working at King's keeps Claire motivated as a life long learner. Claire's motto is "to love generously is to live freely and fully".

Program Ideas Related to Thanksgiving/All Saints Day

Bake Sale – In our culture we take food for granted. Food is readily available in cupboards, grocery stores and vending machines. We can easily forget that food takes time to prepare. It is an act of patience and love that is a gift of nourishment and delight to another. To help remind us of the direct relationship between a bountiful harvest and our tables encourage students to take time to actually bake goods for this sale. Funds that are raised can then be donated to a local food bank.

Food Collection for Halloween – Halloween is traditionally time for filling up bags and bags of candy. Encourage a different approach. Send out a notice to local neighbourhoods (youth could drop flyers in mailboxes) letting them know that Halloween evening the adolescents in the area will be coming out collecting canned goods for the local food bank. The food gathered can be collected at the school and then taken to the food bank the following school day. This can in turn be a great introduction to discussing All Saints Day.

The Centre for Ministry and Development has produced a fabulous program "Day of the Dead". This hour and a half program allows adolescents to learn about and experience the Day of the Dead prayer and customs as they are celebrated in the Mexican culture. This in turn allows them to grow in their understanding of the Catholic faith perspective on life, death and resurrection. This program also enables them to recall and then reflect on both the communion of saints and loved ones who have died.

Thanksgiving Liturgy Hymn Suggestions

Gathering/Recessional Songs:

All my days—GP2
Alleluia, give thanks to the Risen Lord—CBW383, G317
Father, we give you thanks—CBW528
For the beauty of the earth—CBW531
For the fruit of all creation—CBW532
Let all things now living—CBW534
Now thank we all our God—CBW535
Sing to the Mountains—G313, GP48
Song of Thanksgiving (Ducote) - G447, GP239
Song of Thanksgiving (Zsigray) - GP143

Suggested Psalms:

34, 92, 107, 116, 118, 126, 138

Preparation of the Gifts/Meditative Songs:

All who hunger—G589
For you are my God—G436; GP16
For your gracious Blessing—CBW550
In the Lord, I'll be ever thankful—G396
Lift up your hearts—G387, GP214
Our blessing cup—GP129
The harvest of justice—G513
With joy you shall draw water—CBW237

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September, 2008

CBW = Catholic Book of Worship III (1994); G = Gather, 2nd Edition (1994); GP = Glory & Praise (1984)



THANKSGIVING PRAYER SERVICE

INTRODUCTION:

Good morning/afternoon and welcome to our Thanksgiving Prayer Service. Each year at this time we give God thanks for all we received through the spring and summer and into the fall. The rains of April and May soften the ground so that it is ready for planting the crops that will feed us through the rest of the year. A good summer and fall harvest brings us so much to be thankful for. The glorious fall colours come alive in the sun's light. They move us to wonder and praise for God's gift of life. Let us take a few moments now to give thanks to our God, beginning with the sign of our faith: Amen.

OPENING SONG:

Please join in singing our opening song...

Suggestion: Come with Me Into the Fields. Glory and Praise Vol 1, No. 11. (See p.3 for additional songs)

LEADER:

Let us be attentive and listen to God's word.

1ST READING:

A reading from the letter from Paul to the Colossians. (Colossians 3, 15-17).

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts...and be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and instruct one another in all wisdom, and with thanksgiving in your hearts sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Pause)

The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE: (psalm 65)

After each verse, please say:

We thank you O God and we praise you.

O God, it is right for us to praise you,
And keep our promises to you,
Because you answer prayers. **We thank you...**

You show your care for the land by sending rain;
You make it rich and fertile.
You fill the streams with water;
You provide the earth with crops. **We thank you...**

You send abundant rain on the ploughed fields
And soak them with water;
You soften the soil with showers and cause the young plants to grow.
What a rich harvest your goodness provides! **We thank you...**

Wherever you go there is plenty.
The pastures are filled with flocks;
The hillsides are full of joy. **We thank you...**

The fields are covered with sheep;
The valleys are full of wheat.
Everything shouts and sings for joy. **We thank you...**

GOSPEL READING:

Listen to the words of the holy gospel according to Matthew:

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

(pause)

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL:

(This would be a good time to insert some kind of music, procession or visual presentation)

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LEADER:

The response to our prayers is **We thank you, God**

ALL: We thank you God.

- ▶ For the gift of our country and the peace we enjoy as Canadians. **We thank...**
- ▶ For the gift of our land in all its beauty. **We thank...**
- ▶ For the gift of our food, and the farmers who grow it for us. **We thank...**
- ▶ For the gift of our parents and those who care for us. **We thank...**
- ▶ For the gift of our teachers and pastors who help us learn in the light of our faith. **We thank...**
- ▶ For the gift of our faith, and the freedom to live as followers of Jesus. **We thank...**

LEADER:

Let us now add our own intentions and prayers of thanks to God, responding: **Lord hear our prayer...**

LEADER:

We are God's sons and daughters. With trust in God who gives us all good things, let us bring the prayers we have spoken and those still in our hearts before our Him, using the words that Jesus taught us. **Our Father ...**

CLOSING PRAYER:

God our Father, you gave us your greatest gift by sending Jesus, who showed us the way to live together in love. Through your gift of baptism, you made us one with Jesus, so that we could share in his rising from the dead and be with you forever. We thank you for all the blessings you give us. They remind us of your goodness and care. Help us to always be thankful and ready to share what you have given us, so that all people might know the everlasting love and kindness you give us in Christ. We make this prayer to you through Christ our Lord.

ALL:

Amen

Closing Song:

Suggestions:

Thank you Lord

Hi God (Carey Landrey) p.60
(Primary Level)

Thank God for He is Good

Spirit and Song No. 80

Now Thank We All our God

Rise Up and Sing No. 297
CBW III No. 535

For the Beauty of the Earth

Rise up and Sing No.293
CBW III No. 531

Glory and Praise to our God

Young Peoples Glory and Praise No. 16
Rise Up and Sing No. 249

Bless the Lord My God

Glory and Praise III

For the Fruits of this Creation

Rise Up and Sing No. 238
CBW III No. 533

Thank you, God

Rise Up and Sing No. 198

All the Ends of the Earth

Glory and Praise III

RELIGIOUS LIFE LECTURE SERIES

Inclusivity and Diversity

Albino Luciani, who took the name John Paul, served the Roman Catholic Church as Pope for thirty-three days in the late summer and early fall of 1978.

"*Illustrissimi*" are a collection of letters written by Pope John Paul I when he was Patriarch of Venice. The letters were originally published in the Italian Christian paper "Messaggero di S. Antonio" between 1972 and 1975 and were published in book form in 1976. The letter stands as one of the few writings in public circulation that indicate what sort of person John Paul I was and what sort of Pope he might have been had he lived longer.

Inspired by his sense of inclusivity and diversity, and to his various and manifold ways of approaching the mystery of salvation, this year's lecture series invites us to reflect on God and the church from a wide variety of perspectives and vantage points.

"Theresa, the love you gave God (and your neighbour for love of God) was really worthy of him. This is how our love should be; a flame fed by all that's great and fine in ourselves; a rejection of all that's refractory in us; and a victory that carried us on its winds and takes us as a gift to the feet of God." (Luciani's Letter to St. Theresa of Lisieux)

Sister Clare Fitzgerald, SSND, Ph.D. - October 9, 2008
Discipleship in a Post-Christian World

Karl Rahner is quoted as saying, "In today's world one is either a mystic or a non believer." On the road of discipleship one must travel from Bethlehem to Baptism, to Bethany and hopefully to the Beatific Vision. That journey demands courage, conviction and commitment --- in other words, these disciples have to be holy men and women, even saints and mystics. The question today is, have we lost our way?

Sister Clare Fitzgerald, a native Bostonian received her Bachelor of Arts Degree from the College of Notre Dame in Maryland, earned her Master's Degree at Catholic University in Washington, DC and was awarded a Doctorate of Philosophy by St. Louis University. In 1994 she received the prestigious William H. Sadler Dinger Award for distinguished contributions to Catholic Education and leadership, and in 1998, received the C. Albert Koop Award for her commitment for excellence and scholarship in the training of Catholic Education Leaders in the United States. Sponsored by the London District Catholic School Board

Most Reverend Thomas Collins - Archbishop of Toronto - October 16, 2008
Discipleship and the Culture of Life

In this evening, Archbishop Collins will reflect on the mission of Jesus who came to bring us life. We too, as his disciples, must always be committed to the culture of life in every aspect of society.

The Most Reverend Archbishop Collins was named Archbishop of Toronto in December of 2008. Since his first appointment as Bishop 10 years ago, he has been active in the CCCB as a member of its Permanent Council. He is currently liaison bishop with the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities in Canada.

Steven Kimbrough - October 23, 2008

Sweet Swinger—A musical play about Charles Wesley, the sweet singer of Methodism

Sweet Singer is a musical drama which tells the story of Charles Wesley, prolific poet and man of God. It presents some of Wesley's best loved poems, such as Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, Love Divine, All Loves Excelling, and many more, which relate his reaction to an unjust world and his quest to answer the question: What shall I do to make the most of a short life? Sweet Singer deals with Wesley's struggle against poverty, reluctant acceptance of Holy Orders, social and spiritual reform, personal transformation, courage in the face of violence, family devotion and conflict, as well as poetic genius.

Steven Kimbrough is well known as a recital and concert singer through many appearances at New York's Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center and with symphonies in the USA and abroad. A regular guest on European radio and television, he has starred in musical films for television and has portrayed leading roles in many musicals such as *Man of La Mancha*, *South Pacific* and *Carousel*.

Rabbi Aaron Flanzraich - Senior Rabbi, Beth Sholom Synagogue - November 6, 2008

Judaism and Christianity—Are we text or context? A Jewish Viewpoint

Judaism, like the other great confessional faiths, shares a remarkable relationship with the Word. And in many ways Judaism was born not the result of a single, majestic revelatory moment but on the basis of the revelation of the Word of God. Yet, while we are born from the Word, living with it poses unique and challenging elements. Recent history has shown us that the battle to understand how we can live with the Word, and live with others is one we need an answer to.

Beth Sholom Synagogue's Rabbi Aaron Flanzraich, was born in Brooklyn, NY in 1966. A graduate of Bar Ilan University, he was admitted into the University's prestigious Advanced Talmudic Institute. In 1990, he received a dual ordination from Yeshivat Sha'ar Ephraim, and the Israeli Chief Rabbinate. He is president of both the Toronto Board of Rabbis and the Christian Jewish Dialogue of Toronto as well as a board member of the Canadian Rabbinic Caucus. Rabbi Flanzraich is a frequent guest on TVO, Vision TV and the CBC. Sponsored by the Centre for Catholic Jewish Learning

Most Reverend J. Michael Miller, CSB Archbishop of Vancouver, BC - November 20, 2008
Catholic Education in the Global Context

This talk will consider several major trends affecting Catholic higher education in Canada and around the world, including globalization, information technology and dominance of market forces. Catholic colleges and universities will flourish only if they reaffirm their commitment to the great tradition of learning, scholarship and service that they have developed in the course of their almost millennial history: a love for truth, a conviction about the harmony of faith and reason, a concern for educational solidarity and a reawakening of integral Christian humanism.

The Most Reverend J. Michael Miller was named coadjutor archbishop for the archdiocese of Vancouver in June of 2007. Born in Ottawa on July 9, 1946, Archbishop Miller joined the Basilian congregation in 1966 and was ordained to the priesthood by Pope Paul VI in 1975. He was appointed titular Archbishop of Vertara and Secretary of the Congregation for Catholic Education in 2003 by Pope John Paul II.

Upcoming events at King's:
Teachers as Scholars at King's (TASK) - Oct. 17, Nov. 21

Web Page Links for Teachers

For those who wish to deepen their personal prayer life:

<http://www.sacredspace.ie/>

<http://www.jesuits.ca/orientations/intro2lectio.html>

<http://www.norprov.org/spirituality/ignatianprayer.htm>

<http://www.mobilegabriel.com/>

<http://www.catholic.org/saints/>

<http://www.wordsunday.com>

Ecology, environment, care of the earth:

<http://conservation.catholic.org>

Justice Issues:

<http://www.coc.org>

<http://larryferlazzo.edublogs.org/2008/07/01/the-best-teacher-resource-sites-for-social-justice-issues/>

Online resources for Catholic faith and culture:

<http://www.catholiceducation.org/>

<http://www.catholicnews.com/index.html>

<http://www.catholicexchange.com/>

<http://www.headlinebistro.com/h/b/en/index.html>

Vocation and Discernment

<http://www.vocations.ca>

<http://www.vocation-network.org/>

<http://www.DigitalVocationGuide.org>

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