Together in the Episcopal Diocese of the Rio Grande
November / December 2016

Photo by Raymond Raney
Good evening Diocese of the Rio Grande! Lay Delegates, Clergy and Special Guests and Visitors: a special and warm Welcome to each one of you to our 64th Diocesan Convention.

This evening, it is both a special privilege and great joy for me to welcome our Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev’d Michael Curry and his Canon, the Rev’d Canon Michael Gunn. Presiding Bishop, Welcome to the Diocese of the Rio Grande. Would you all please stand and join me to express our grateful welcome and greeting with an applause!

Presiding Bishop you certainly have honored us with your presence. We know you have a demanding visitation schedule, and we thank you for making the time to join us so early in your ministry as the Primate of the Episcopal Church. We are grateful, and we are looking forward to being with you and hearing your message tomorrow.

As we begin our Convention, I would like us to first recognize the extraordinary witness and work of the leadership and congregation of this host Parish, The Church of Holy Faith. This evening we prayerfully remember your beloved Rector, Canon Kenneth Smith, and we thank God for his life and witness both in this Parish and this Diocese. May Fr. Ken now rest in peace and rise in glory.

This evening we are both grateful to the Lord and very happy to welcome Holy Faith’s Rector-Elect Fr. Robin D. Dodge, his wife, Teresa, and sons, Cameron and Barrett.

There are a number of Bishops and special guests I would also like to acknowledge this evening. To begin with, our wonderful Assisting Bishop in the South, Bishop Jerry Lamb and his wife Jane; Bishop David Bailey of Navajoland and Ann who are not able to be with us tonight, as well as all our covenanted lay and clergy sisters and brothers from Navajoland who have come with Bishop Bailey; Bishop Craig Anderson in Taos and his wife, Liz; my admired and special colleague and friend, Bishop Jim Gonia of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. Also a very special welcome to my special colleague and friend, Bishop Barrett.

In preparation for this Convention I’ve asked you to read a widely acclaimed book: Jesus Today: A 365 Day Devotional for Kids by N. D. Wilson. It is said: “Jesus is the face of God made visible, a reputation, his criticized respect and care for every marginalized person and outcast, his generous love, mercy and compassion for sinners and his equalizing every class distinction and humanity’s differences by teaching universal-unconditional love. St. Francis is notably credited for reminding people that Jesus ‘turned the world upside down.’” Bishop Curry and St. Francis are both teaching us that this is what the Jesus movement is all about! Turning the world right side up in witnessing to and claiming the Kingdom of God is emerging in this broken-wayward old world. The reign of God is now and in a future next life! Recall that in the Gospel of Saint Luke Jesus said, “Fear not little Folk, it is God’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.”

Recently St. Patricia Sanchez – a Roman Catholic nun- wrote: “Jesus is the face of God made visible, the wisdom of God revealed and the one who daily challenges the quality of our discipleship … the journey of discipleship comprises countless small steps in the right direction and with the right motive. With God and with grace and with Jesus’ constant presence and guidance in the person of the Holy Spirit, we are empowered … we can learn to put on the mind of Christ and be fired up by the Holy Spirit to take on our ministry one person, one challenge at a time.”

Bless you all.

Thanks be to God,

Amen
64th Annual Convention Election Results
(Elected in Bold Face Blue)

Standing Committee, Canon 4
Clergy – Elect 1 for 3-year term
The Rev. Paul Moore – 165 votes
Clergy – Elect 1 for 2-year term
The Rev. Dan Tuton – 159 votes
The Rev. Christopher Adams – 116 votes

Standing Committee, Canon 4
Lay – Elect 1 for 3-year term
Ms. Paula Mote – 202 votes

Diocesan Council, Canon 5
Clergy – Elect 1 for 2-year term
The Rev. Christopher Adams – 116 votes

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Lay – Elect 1 for 2-year term
NO CANDIDATES

Commission on Ministry of the Baptized, Canon 16
Lay – Elect 1 for 4-year term
Ms. Dallas Baxter – 189 votes

Ecclesiastical Discipline Board, Canon 17
Clergy – Elect 2 for 4-year term
The Rev. Jan Hosea – 183 votes
The Rev. Alexander Lenzo – 159 votes
The Rev. Douglas Boyle – 150 votes
Clergy – Elect 1 for 2-year term
The Rev. Dr. Nicholas Funk – 117 votes

Ecclesiastical Discipline Board, Canon 17
Lay – Elect 1 for 4-year term
Ms. Dallas Baxter – 137 votes
Ms. Duf Rowland – 74 votes

Cathedral Chapter, Canon 18
Clergy or Lay – Elect 1 for 3-year term
Ms. Duf Rowland – 52 votes
Mr. Paul Shoemaker – 162 votes

General Convention Deputy, Canon 10
Clergy – Elect 4 for 3-year term + 4 alternates
The Very Rev. Canon Carolie McGowan – 155 votes
The Very Rev. Mark Goodman – 125 votes
The Rev. Alexander Lenzo – 132 votes
The Very Rev. Dr. Scott Ruthven – 121 votes
(Alternates)
1st: The Rev. Daniel Cave – 105 votes
2nd: The Rev. Christopher McLarten – 92 votes
3rd: The Rev. Paul Moore – 90 votes

General Convention Deputy, Canon 10
Lay – Elect 4 for 3-year term + 4 alternates
Dr. Guy Gronquist – 135 votes
Ms. Cathy Bailey – 125 votes
The Hon. Joseph Alarid – 100 votes
Ms. Diane Butler – 100 votes

(Alternates)
1st: Dr. Victor Rizzo – 91 votes
2nd: Ms. Karen Longenecker – 72 votes
3rd: Ms. Cynthia Lose – 65 votes
4th: Mr. Mark Childers – 61 votes
Ms. Jeanie Loccero – 57 votes
Mr. Steve Wachter – 35 votes

All Resolutions Approved by Convention

RESOLUTION #3
ENCOURAGING ORGAN DONATIONS
WHEREAS: More than 123,000 American men, women, and children are waiting for a life-saving organ transplant and every day over 20 people will die while they are waiting; and
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WHEREAS: Choosing to become an organ donor is one of the greatest opportunities today for those who seek to do good, save the lives of those who would die without help, give new hope to their families, and transform and improve lives by restoring sight, health, and wholeness to their fellow humans; and
WHEREAS: It has been 25 years since The Episcopal Church at its 70th General Convention recommended and urged “all members of the Church to consider seriously the opportunity to donate organs after death that others may live, and that such decision be clearly stated to family, friends, church, and attorney,” and since then the need is much more urgent; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Diocese of the Rio Grande, speaking through the 64th Annual Convention in Santa Fe, New Mexico, meeting October 27-29, 2016, encourage all members of this Diocese, regardless of age or medical history, to consider becoming a registered organ/tissue/cornea donor through any local Motor Vehicle Division office, through the websites (NMDonor.org or organdonationtexas.org), or by mailing a registration form provided at this meeting. Submitted by Mr. Steve Wachter and approved by the Very Rev. of Trinity on the Hill Episcopal Church, Los Alamos, New Mexico

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PB Communion
The Presiding Bishop serves the Bread of Life during Communion at Holy Faith. (Photo by James Overton)

PB Blessing
The Most Rev. Michael Bruce Curry, Presiding Bishop and Primate of The Episcopal Church, blesses those gathered for the opening Eucharist of the 64th Annual Convention of The Diocese of the Rio Grande at Church of the Holy Faith, Santa Fe. (Photo by Doug Weiss)

Palen Hall Altar Party
The Altar Party that served those attending the Convention Eucharist at Holy Faith awaits to re-enter the nave. (Photo by James Overton)

Stoney Open House
The Rev. Patty Soukup and her husband, Mike, share lunch at the Bishop’s Ridge/Camp Stoney Open House on the Thursday before Convention began. Nearly 50 persons toured the grounds of the renovated facility, and later gathered for meetings to discuss the budget and other matters.

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Our voice is to be a witness...": Bishop Curry and the Jesus Movement

By James L. Overton

Santa Fe, NM — Evangelism and Episcopalian are two “E” words seldom used together in the lexicon of the Anglican world. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry is moving to change that in a spiritually shared experience.

“Our voice is to be a witness, maybe even turning the world upside down," Curry told several hundred delegates to the 64th convention of the Diocese of the Rio Grande meeting in Santa Fe, NM, on October 28, 2016. The annual gathering of lay and clergy delegates from the 63 congregations of the Diocese includes New Mexico and a portion of Far West Texas west of the Pecos River -- an area of approximately 154,000 square miles.

Elected in 2015, Curry is the 27th Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church of the United States. His biography says that both sides of his family were descended from slaves and sharecroppers in North Carolina and Alabama. He was previously bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina.

He took on the church’s top job after an activist career ministry focused on social justice, reconciliation, speaking out on immigration policy and marriage equality.

No stranger to the zeal of Southern gospel evangelism, the message of what he calls the Jesus Movement is all about focusing outward in new ways while actually sharing the same message Jesus of Nazareth preached in his brief three-year ministry in first-century Palestine.

“I want our church to help society live into a vision of those early teachings," he said.

And he sees Episcopalians “of all types and stripes” being instruments of God’s work of reconciliation in the world.

“We’ve got to be about changing and transforming hearts. That happens by deepening real relationships and listening to and sharing our life stories,” he said in an interview following his address to the convention.

“We’re talking about a call to return to our deeper roots of Christianity. There is real power there.” As presiding bishop, Curry is the first to say this evangelistic approach is not a top-down movement but one that spreads from the grass roots of the church in America.

“Top down doesn’t usually work,” he noted. “Movements tend to have grass roots but that doesn’t mean that working from the ground precludes a broader view. Our aim is getting the top to pay attention and take action. Power bubbles up.”

Curry believes that the Episcopal Church, as a moderate or centrist voice in the religious landscape, is uniquely suited to reawakening individual spirituality and the fundamental message of love of God and love of neighbor.

“We live in a playlist culture, but that spiritual hole has always been there,” he said. “That hole in the heart of all of us is one that only God can fill. This is not news: it’s always been there and that’s no jive.”

Editor’s Note: Overton is a member of The Church of The Holy Faith in Santa Fe and a former journalist and network news writer and producer.
SUMMA Student Theological Debate Society is inviting high school students entering grades 9–12 in the fall of 2017 to apply for SUMMA Debate Camp, held July 18–26 at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tenn. SUMMA Camp is a unique opportunity for students to explore their faith through intellectual channels, meet lifelong friends, and have a lot of fun on one of the most beautiful college campuses in the country!

At SUMMA Camp, students of all faiths learn valuable skills for debating, public speaking, and theological reflection. No previous debate experience or formal theological study is necessary. Campers have a true collegiate experience, but camp is not all work! There is plenty of time left over to swim, play sports, watch movies, go bowling, and have lots of great summer fun!

A limited number of scholarships are available for students with demonstrated financial need. For more information and to apply, visit summa.sewanee.edu

At the beginning of camp, a resolution is introduced, and each student argues both sides of the issue. Past resolutions include:

- “Christians, Muslims, and Jews all worship the same God.”
- “Euthanasia is morally justified.”
- “Christian marriage is a solemn and public covenant between a man and a woman in the presence of God.”
- “Outside the Church, there is no salvation.”

At the end of camp, the SUMMA prize is awarded to the student who best exemplifies the spirit of SUMMA camp: speaking the truth in love. The SUMMA prize includes a $1,000 scholarship.

For all students, the cost of SUMMA is partially defrayed through donations, grants, and an endowment. The cost to parents is $750, which includes room, all meals, and all materials.

SNOW SLAM 2017
February 17-19 (Presidents’ Weekend) at Camp Stoney

Join us at Camp Stoney for a weekend in the snow! Come for fellowship, fun, and a day of skiing and snowboarding at Ski Santa Fe.

...more details to follow
Open to all Grades 8-12

“IF I CANNOT DO GREAT THINGS, I CAN DO SMALL THINGS IN A GREAT WAY.” – MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

By Ms. Madeleine Fantazaker
St. John’s Episcopal Church, Alamogordo

As a kid, I see many other kids who are looking for a “big thing” to happen to them in their lives. But big things grow from small seeds. It is how you tend to the seed that determines if that small thing will grow into a “big thing”. It is how small children are taught about character. If you teach them to be respectful to adults, and their fellow peers as a little tot, they will carry that attitude into their older lives. In those “formative years” continuity is key, if you don’t continue to water and fertilize that small plant, it will die, and you will have no fruit. How many times have you started something, but gave it up quickly because something easier came along. We don’t even realize how much potential we have inadvertently tossed away, chasing the latest trend.

Think back two years ago. Did you have any great ideas you thought you would be worth pursuing? Did you make any effort to pursue it - if not, why? Was it too much work, or did something more interesting come along? Or did you figure that it wasn’t such a great idea, and threw it out? What moved you to think of the idea to begin with? We can’t pick the thing that is both do-able, and satisfying. If serving the community captures your heart but for all ages, to comfort the families of patients in the hospital, kind of like a Ronald McDonald House, can you do it?

There will always be people who will question your generosity. Those people are lacking in the faith that you have. Those who criticize good works or gestures of generosity, themselves have less faith than the mustard seed, and need to plant the seed and watch it grow. Never think that just because you are a kid, that you have a limit to how to be blessed. Kids are the first to plant the seed and watch it grow. Never think that just because you are a kid, that you have a limit to how to be blessed. Kids are the first to plant the seed and watch it grow. Never think that just because you are a kid, that you have a limit to how to be blessed. Kids are the first to plant the seed and watch it grow.
Women Invited to a Christmas Party and Outreach Event

All women of the diocese are invited to a Christmas Party and Outreach Event at the Bosque Center on December 17 at 2:00 PM sponsored by the Daughters of the King. For 12 decades women and girls in the Order of the Daughters of the King have lived out their Baptismal vows in relationship with Christ and each other, through the shared disciplines of Prayer and Service and Evangelism to women and girls.

This year’s Christmas Party is a time to invite a friend to join the Daughters in outreach benefiting the Women’s Circle of Empowerment. This is a ministry of the Diocese to and by women who have experienced homelessness firsthand. They are now empowering one another as they learn to make a life for themselves and their families. Some of these women have been here, or still are, in shelters, in outside camps, and some in cars. The ministry mission, as stated by the women, is “Building a strong community through encouragement, support and perseverance.”

Registration opens at 8 a.m. and a continental breakfast will be served from 8 a.m. until 8:45 a.m. in Penland Hall. The retreat begins at 9 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m. Holy Eucharist will be celebrated from 3 p.m. until 4 p.m. for all retreat participants.

Please plan to bring your lunch. Beverages will be provided at the lunch break. There is no cost to attend, but you will need to register by registering on the Women’s website (VarietiesOfGifts.blogspot.com) if you aren't yet on the Women's page on Facebook (Facebook.com/WomensMinistryOfDRG). You can also join the Women’s page on Facebook (Facebook.com/WomensMinistryOfDRG) and get updates. E-mail Cindy Davis, Coordinator of Women’s Ministries, to offer a hand of friendship, support, and encouragement to other women. Collect some of these essential items. Bring them with you to the Christmas Party and meet some of these courageous women.

Please RSVP to DOK Diocesan president, Cindy Davis (cdavis@cyndiadavisauthor.com) by December 10. If you have questions, contact Cindy or your parish priest, or visit the diocesan Daughters of the King website (www.DRGGuests.blogspot.com).

First African-American Woman Elected Diocesan Bishop

The Rev. Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows was elected 11th bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis on the second ballot Oct. 28 at Christ Church Cathedral Indianapolis.

Baskerville-Burrows, 50, is the first African-American woman elected to a diocesan bishop in the Episcopal Church. She was elected with 67 votes in the clergy order and 82 in the lay order. Her election culminated a nearly two-year discernment process by the diocese at the 179th diocesan convention and meeting. The Rev. Catherine M. Woychik plans to retire in the spring of 2017.

The other four nominees were:
- The Rev. Grace Burton-Edwards, rector, St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Columbus, Georgia;
- The Rev. Canon Bruce Gray, canon to the ordinary, Diocese of Indianapolis;
- The Rev. Canon Patrick Lance Ousley, priest in charge and headmaster, St. John’s Episcopal Church, Parish & Preschool, Kirkland, Washington; and
to the ordinary, Diocese of Olympia; and
- The Rev. Dina van Klaveren, rector, St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, Glenwood, Maryland.

Baskerville-Burrows currently serves as director of networking for the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago, nourishing partnerships and connections for church revitalization.

“In 19 years of ordained ministry, and especially in the past five helping to oversee and restructure the Diocese of Chicago, I’ve supported communities of transformation, communicated a vision of hope and gathered and networked God’s people across distance and difference,” Baskerville-Burrows said. “I believe these experiences have prepared me to lead and serve in the particular place that is the Diocese of Indianapolis.”

She is from New York, ordained by the Diocese of Central New York, and a graduate of Smith College, Cornell University and the Church Divinity School of the Pacific. She has expertise in historic preservation and a passion for issues including gun violence, social justice, and racial and class reconciliation. She also maintains a strong focus in guiding others through the practice of spiritual direction.

One of the defining experiences of her ministry came when the terrorists hit the World Trade Center the morning of September 11, 2001. In the midst of a fearful situation, her own faith and the faith of others who sought shelter alongside her gave her a renewed perspective of faith vanquishing fear.

“The Episcopal Church is where I found my relationship with Jesus some 30 years ago, “she said. “It teaches me that the world is filled with incredible beauty and unspeakable pain and that God is deeply in the midst of it all loving us fiercely. So each day, nourished by the sacraments and stoics of our faith, the beauty of our liturgical tradition, the wide embrace of this Christian community, I learn over and over again how to live without fear.”

Pending the canonically required consent of a majority of the Episcopal Church’s diocesan standing committees and bishops with jurisdiction, Baskerville-Burrows will be ordained and consecrated as bishop of the Diocese of Indianapolis on April 29, 2017, at Clowes Hall at Butler University.

Giving Unites in Thanks with UTO

What do low-income farmers, college students, and migrants have in common? They all have been and are a part of the movement of giving and receiving from the United Thank Offering. Ministries that have been sending the gospel message into the world through visible caring and engagement with God’s people in the US and countries around the world.

The power of gratitude expressed in small daily offerings is inspiring. Thanksgivings for blessings gathered together have prepared me to lead and serve in the particular place that is the Diocese of Indianapolis.”

The Rev. Madelyn Kirkpatrick Johnson Vicar, St. Paul’s Peace

If you ever doubted the power of a penny, think of UTO. Many of us began bringing pennies (and nickels and dimes) to offering to God when we were in Sunday school - an early lesson in giving thanks. We graduated to dollars as we grew up, and understood that our need to give grows out of a heart of gratitude to God for the many blessings in our lives.

The little blue box has changed the lives of many, brought the witness of the gospel to bear on a wide of variety needs and in a wide variety of places. The act of giving a small offering in thanksgiving for a blessing changes those who give their change – gratitude becomes a habit of the heart and a way of life.
This December 7, 2016, marks the 75th year since the onset of hostilities in the Pacific that sparked the beginning of World War II.

By resolution of the 64th Annual Convention of the Diocese of the Rio Grande, all congregations are asked to mark December 7 with a Day of Prayer in remembrance of those who died and suffered loss on that day 75 years ago.

By resolution of Convention also we as a Diocese are asked to observe Sunday, December 11, in memory of the Rev. Captain Frederick B. “Ted” Howden Jr., who as chaplain to the 200th Coast Artillery on the Island of Bataan, sacrificed his life by giving up his rations to others in the Japanese prison camps in the Philippines, and died of starvation induced pellagra on December 11, 1942.

On the day Pearl Harbor was bombed, Fr. Howden was still in the Filipino capital prior to his unit’s deployment to Bataan. Witness accounts of the bombing of Manila, where the 200th Coast Artillery was housed, report they watched as bomb blasts scattered the baseball field where they had played just the day before. Many were injured and killed. And then they were deployed.

RESOLUTION # 1: MARKING THE ONSET OF WORLD WAR II

WHEREAS: December 7, 2016, marks the 75th year since the onset of hostilities in the Pacific, the bombing of Pearl Harbor, and the beginning of World War II; and
WHEREAS: this Diocese is home to many who served at home and abroad, and the families of those who gave their lives that this nation might remain free; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: This 64th Annual Convention commends to the congregations of the Diocese of the Rio Grande Wednesday, December 7, 2016, the observance of a Day of Prayer in remembrance of those who died and suffered loss on that day 75 years ago.

- Submitted by the Rev. Canon Raymond Raney

RESOLUTION #2: COMMEMORATION OF THE REV. FREDERICK B. ‘TED’ HOWDEN

WHEREAS: The Rev. Frederick B. “Ted” Howden Jr., as chaplain to the 200th Coast Artillery on the Island of Bataan, sacrificed his life by giving up his rations to others in the Japanese prison camps in the Philippines, and died of starvation induced pellagra on December 11, 1942; and
WHEREAS: the Episcopal Diocese of the Rio Grande annually observes Father Howden’s sacrifice on December 11th, and that December 11, 2016, falls on a Sunday; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: the 2016 Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of the Rio Grande, in memory of Captain Frederick B. ‘Ted’ Howden Jr. and to the observance of the Feast Day of Fr. Ted Howden on Sunday, December 11, 2016, with the use of the Propers prescribed.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: The Diocese of the Rio Grande commends to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music of The Episcopal Church the name and date of The Rev. Frederick B. ‘Ted’ Howden Jr. and urges the Commission to approve and recommend the inclusion of his name and date in the calendar known as Greater Cloud of Witnesses to the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church to take place in Austin, Texas the summer of 2018.

- Submitted by the Rev. Canon Raymond Raney

For the Rt. Rev. Michael L. Vono
A Chapel at the Bosque Center

The Bosque Center originally was envisioned as the beating heart of the Diocese. A place from which would flow the communal blood for the Body of Christ in Far West Texas and New Mexico through evangelization, Christian and ecumenical interfaith formation, community service and education. And that heart beats through the vision for a Chapel to honor the sacrifice of the Rev. Frederick “Ted” Howden Jr. and all those who gave their lives for freedom.

The addition of a chapel will be a sacred symbol and fruition of an intentional goal originally envisioned to plan for a dynamic future of outreach for the Diocese of the Rio Grande in the name of Jesus Christ.

The Chapel will be dedicated and blessed for prayer, meditation, reconciliation, community worship and spiritual nourishment. The Chapel will be built to the Glory of God’s revelation in Christ Jesus, the Lord of Peace, Love and Reconciliation. It will be a sanctuary of remembrance for many, especially those who gave their lives for the sake of other’s well-being.

The life and ministry of the Rev. Frederick “Ted” Howden Jr., Priest, and military Chaplain, will be remembered in this Chapel. Like Christ he gave his life for his friends. Like Christ his ministry was to serve and not be served. Therefore, the Chapel will commemorate the service and sacrifice of military personnel and families in New Mexico and Far West Texas and throughout the country.

TO DONATE...

Donations for The Bosque Chapel may be made in honor or memorial. A Card for donations is provided on the back of this issue, and may be detached and mailed to The Bosque Center, 6400 Coors Blvd. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120.

Donations also may be made by calling the Center at 505-881-0636.
Blessing the Wolves at St. Francis Cathedral

The Rev. Catherine Volland, rector of St. Bede’s, Santa Fe, participates in the Blessing of the Wolves in front of the Cathedral in Santa Fe. The blessing of the wolves was an event on October 4 on the Feast of St. Francis in downtown Santa Fe to bring attention to the important cause of re-introducing the Mexican gray wolf to New Mexico.

The Mexican gray wolf is the most endangered species in New Mexico, and the reintroduction of wolves has been shown to have beneficial consequences for entire ecosystems, so protecting wolves is one of the most immediate and effective ways to be good stewards of the natural world.

Representatives from the Southwest Environmental Center brought two wolves (the one pictured is a 16-week-old pup) to the Cathedral for a service of advocacy and blessing.

Another one of St. Francis’ outreach efforts, Clare’s Closet, threw open its doors during the event. The Closet provides low cost children’s clothing to families in need with minimal financial resources. Here children receive new and gently used clothing for little or no cost. Five dollar coupons were given out during the event allowing visitors to shop in the closet for needed items.

The day was a fun-filled family event with carnival games, activities for the children and a Christmas Card Photo opportunity with Santa for kids and animals alike. There were a number of food vendors present to help feed the masses, and small business owners set up booths to highlight their goods and services. Local merchants also contributed raffle items to support the work of animal rescue groups.

The event as a whole received highly positive feedback from the community, sponsors and visitors. St. Francis hopes to build on this success and make this event an annual occurrence.

CATO and Filmmakers make a show at Las Vegas

September has been a particularly memorable one for the congregation of St. Paul’s Peace in Las Vegas.

On Sunday, the 18th, Canon to the Ordinary, The Rev. Canon Raymond Raney visited St. Paul’s Peace, truly a special Sunday for us.

Canon Raney celebrated and preached and dedicated the restored photographs of Bishop Dunlop, delighting the congregation with his historical knowledge of the area and the church.

Then much to our joy, we all processed to the restored photograph of Bishop Dunlop, which he then blessed as the Children’s Chapel and its accouterments.

On we went to the Memorial Garden, which Canon Raney also blessed. Last, but not least, we enjoyed a delicious luncheon reception. The congregation of St. Paul’s Peace is grateful to Canon Raney for his visit.

On Wednesday, the 21st, at 7:00 a.m., a movie crew arrived to begin shooting scenes for the upcoming film, “Making a Killing.”

Members of St. Paul’s Peace volunteered to help shepherd the movie crew while they were using church buildings, garden, and parking lot. Large trailers and a man-lift with lighting and camera occupied most of the parking lot and driveway.

It was a very long day of filming; the last of their equipment pulled out of the parking lot around 10:00 p.m. Three members of the church were used as extras in the scenes: Debbie Erickson, Erik Erickson, and Tom Snyder.

We hope to see their appearance make the final cut. The film crew returned on Friday, the 30th for some additional scenes at the church. It was great fun to have them with us. We all look forward to seeing the movie at some future date and wish them much success. This is the second time St. Paul’s has been in the movies – and, we hope for more.

Radical Welcome to Roswell Bikers

By Donna Addkison
St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, Roswell NM

St. Andrew’s Roswell demonstrated what it means to be radically welcoming, creating a community experience that allowed riders from across Roswell and Chaves County to come together, to get to know each other, and to remember those riders who have lost their lives on our highways and byways. As expected, many of the riders who came don’t attend St. Andrew’s and aren’t Episcopalian.

Motorcycles and some of the people who ride them are not always welcomed everywhere, including our city streets and highways. We all know those who have ridden a motorcycle to work or for fun and have had a few close calls. And then, of course, there are the stories of riders who die every year for a variety of reasons including being hit by larger vehicles. There’s a profound need to acknowledge this risk as well as the lives of those who have died and those whose lives have been forever changed.

On Saturday, October 8, Father Dale Plummer, Rector at St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, was joined by Bishop Michael Vono for a short service to bless riders. Commemorative stickers were presented to each rider, and some riders chose to receive individual blessings and to have their bikes blessed. Food and non-alcoholic beverages were provided at no cost from 1:30 until 3:30 p.m.

There was an optional Poker Run to support the work of Four Paws Pet Pantry. Locations around Roswell were identified to serve as drop off points for pet food contributions and stops for the poker run which ended back at St. Andrew’s. Short- and long-sleeve Pet Pantry t-shirts were also available for purchase.

3 Confirmed at St. James’, Clovis

We at St. James were blessed to have three of the Lord’s faithful Confirmed on Sunday, September 18, during Bishop Vono’s annual visit!

It was a wonderful time together in the worship of the Lord, and welcoming of Elizabeth Lakin, Marie Pickard, and Michael Hailey as new members of the Episcopal Church. A wonderful celebration dinner followed in the Parish Hall and a great time was had by all. By the way the Bishop is great at busing tables.
Holy Spirit, El Paso, honors first responders on 9/11 anniversary

By Don Woodyard

Holy Spirit Church

EL PASO—Holy Spirit Episcopal Church was resplendent with American flags on Sunday, Sept. 11. Small flags, emplaced by a Boy Scout troop, encircled the lawn in front of the church. Two larger flags fluttered in the light breeze on either side of the church sign in front. The occasion was a special Holy Eucharist honoring first responders on the 15th anniversary of the Twin Towers tragedy of Sept. 11, 2001.

“It was a blessing and an honor to remember the thousands of Americans who lost their lives, their families and to pay tribute to the first responders who serve and protect us every day of our lives,” says the Rev. Kathy LaLonde, priest in charge. As the Rev. Kathy said: “It is a day of remembrance—a tribute and memorial to first responders.”

One of the first responders attending was Clinton Rose, 35, who is an EMT/first responder with the White Sands Missile Range Fire Department. He has worked at WSMR for more than five years and is the grandson of parishioner Anne Wiener.

During the service he says he thought about car crashes he has witnessed where children are thrown from the vehicle and killed. “They had their whole life in front of them—that picture will stick with you always,” he says quietly. He adds a special reminder. “Let us never forget that wretched day.”

The Rite Two liturgy reflected the special nature of the service.

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Holy Family Santa Fe Celebrates 5th Fun Fair

On September 17, 2016, Holy Family Episcopal Church held its fifth Fun Fair. All were welcome with a special invitation to those affected by ASD.

Everyone had a great time at this free event. Children of all ages (infants to 90+) enjoyed the food, games, music, art, face painting, dress up, story telling, quiet areas to take a break, other multi-sensory activities, and simply hanging out with each other.

The Fun Fair is designed as a safe and calm activity where everyone is accepted and valued. As always, God sent the special children and adults to experience the love of the trinity given through human hands. Like to see some highlights of the Fun Fair? They are posted on Youtube at https://youtu.be/Z5dMBKII9X8

CONGREGATIONS
Cathedral Choir sings in Alpine
By the Rev. Kay Jennings

Welcome Bishop Vono is much more than fulfilling a Canonical responsibility. His visitation is a time when the life of the diocese and the life of the parish are united like no other time in the church year. The congregation is given the opportunity to hear from the diocesan “chief pastor” and “guardian of the faith,” and the bishop benefits in spending time and sharing in the ethos of the parish. Bishop Michael’s visit to St. Andrew’s was both unique and inspiring. It began with the Blessing of the Motorcycles on Saturday afternoon, October 8. Sunday, August was the via media of weeks prior and weeks to come which forms the life cycle of a parish.

The Bishop’s message wove the lessons of the previous week’s message of the mustard seed and the story of one of the ten lepers being healed. As small as the mustard seed is, often we can only plant it. But, the one leper chose to nourish and cultivate that seed in order to give life to a mighty bush.

The prelude of the Pastoral Offices began when Father Dale baptized Halle Miller and Mitchell Kelley on September 3, at St. Anne’s in Glencoe, NM. At the bishop’s visitation to St. Andrew’s, (picture) Father Dale baptized Alaiah Salmon, and Bishop Michael confirmed Angel and J.J. Sanchez, and Susan Dopp. Carol Anne Linson reaffirmed her baptismal vows. The postlude of the Pastoral Offices will take place during November with the baptisms of McKenzie Thomas, potatoes—camps where the tribal members pray as a group for hours at a time. Our liturgy included music and prayers that acknowledge the price paid by indigenous people for the European settlement of North America, and our hope for mutual respect for one another and our common homeland.

St. Jerome’s, Chama
St Jerome’s has been blessed with a wonderful summer of returning summer members, a baptism, two people received into the church, a beautiful visitation from the Trinity on the Hill Youth Choir, and the Blessing of the Animals to Celebrate the Feast of St Francis. Two long time friends from Trinity on the Hill, who now live in Arizona, Tom and Arlene Sampson, blessed us with the gift of a plaque of St Jerome, which now graces the wall in our Sanctuary. Many thanks to them for this gift and their presence the past two summers.

St. Paul’s Peace, Las Vegas
St Paul’s has begun collecting children’s books (new or in very good condition) to support the Literacy project in Las Vegas. Also, we will be collecting books for adult readers, beginning next month, in support of the American Association of University Women who sell used books to fund their scholarships given to women working to complete their education to better support themselves and their families.

We had a wonderful visit by the Rev. Canon Raymond Raney on Sept 18th. He blessed our Children’s Chapel, the Memorial Garden, dedicated the newly restored historically significant photograph of Bishop Dunlop, congratulated St. Paul’s on their 140th year as a congregation, and preached and celebrated!

St. James Alpine hosted 10 travelers from the Chamber Choir of St John September 24, 25, and 26th. The choir was under the direction of Maxine Thevenot, who was also accompanist and organ soloist. Choir members stayed two nights with host members from St James and enjoyed a welcoming dinner and concert reception and entertainment into the night. Members of the Cathedral Choir and Director of Cathedral Music, Dr. Thevenot performed a Saturday evening concert of chant, renaissance and early baroque, and solo organ music.

The stay was topped off with Sunday service officiated by Dean Goodman. The choir led the congregation in more great music. Angels must envy the fun and fellowship on earth at times such as this. Many thanks to Dallas Baxter for organizing a great event.

Northwest Area Deanery Report
Compiled by the Very Rev. Mike Olsen

Holy Faith, Santa Fe
The retreat, “Celebrating Christmas After Loss,” for people who have lost a loved one, will be held at The Church of Holy Faith on December 9 and 10. Our purpose is to honor the past and help develop new ways that Christmas can be a time of deep renewal. The Friday session will be held from 5:30 to 8:30. with registration available at 5 pm. A light dinner will be served on Friday evening. The session is from 9:30 am to 4 pm. Coffee and light snacks will be available at 9 am. Parking is available behind the church in the parking lot. The price for the retreat is $30. For more information and to register, contact Molly Lott at mat1444@me.com or 505-983-6424.

Holy Family, Santa Fe
Holy Family’s 5th annual Fun Fair was held September 17. Holy Family is saying goodbye to Mother Kay Anderson, who is retiring. She celebrates her last service on All Saints’ Sunday Nov. 6th. Holy Family will bid her “adieu” at a “family fun night” November 4th.

Our public Family Fun Nights for families affected by Autism Spectrum Disorder will be held the first Friday of October and December at 5 pm. All families are welcome (with or without special needs). Join us for pizza, crafts and games!

Holy Trinity, Raton
Holy Trinity has a new priest – the Rev. Kathy Boechenstein joined us October 1. The congregation is excited to have Mother Kathy with us, and we look forward to a long and growing relationship.

Bedes’s, Santa Fe
On Sunday, October 9, St. Bede’s Santa Fe celebrated Indigenous People’s Sunday, the day before the traditional date of Columbus Day. Our Sunday featured Clara Natonabah (Navajo), who spoke during our Adults Forum of her recent experience with the oil pipeline protest in North Dakota. There, various native tribal members have been holding “spirit camp” protests—camps where the tribal members pray as a group for
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MINISTRIES

Women’s group advocates for improved city transit

By Ms. Amy Malick
DRG Missioner to the Displaced

The historic Paris Climate Agreement took effect November 4 and it is momentous, as the 16th of St. Francis of Assisi the Patron of Ecology. “This is a momentous occasion,” said UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, “What once seemed unthinkable, is now unstoppable. Strong international support for the Paris Agreement entering into force is a testament to the urgency for action, and reflects the consensus of governments that robust global cooperation, grounded in national action, is essential to meet the climate challenge.”

Religious tradition leaders and the faithful have been and will be part of the implementation of this vital treaty through various actions. One example is divestment from fossil fuels, which the Episcopal Church affirmed in 2015, for which the World Council of Churches, which stands for half a billion Christians across the globe, is part of the Catholic institutions including St. Louis-based SSM Health announced divestment from fossil fuels on October 4 on the cusp of the Paris agreement.

But agreements are just words without strong moral action. New Mexico Interfaith Power and Light (NM IPL) is a vehicle offering educational resources, information on energy efficient housing and solar and various policy advocacy actions to help your congregation join the call to Climate Justice.

Women’s Circle of Empowerment member Kathryn Arndt on the streets at Albuquerque City Council chambers urging councilors to improve city transit. Bus service in Albuquerque is on the road to being more efficient and user-friendly, thanks to advocacy by the Women’s Circle of Empowerment.

Women from the group, sponsored by the diocesan Mission to the Displaced, conceived, planned and carried out an action with the Albuquerque City Council. At the council’s Oct. 5 meeting, several group members told stories about their experiences riding the bus, and challenged councilors to park their cars and ride for a week to see for themselves. Several councilors pledged to take the challenge.

The next week, they followed through. Councilor Klarissa Pena began posting videos of her experience to Facebook. Councilor Ken Sanchez joined her on one bus ride. TV stations reported the story. More councilors signed on.

Pena told KRQE Channel 13 she gained a whole new perspective riding from her home in southwest Albuquerque to work downtown. She noted some buses stop need cleaning, and night routes can be frightening for women riding alone.

Pena said she was thankful her husband was with her coming home at night in the dark. “But, unfortunately, that’s not the case with a lot of folks, lots of women,” Pena said.

Women’s Circle of Empowerment member Kathryn Arndt says she’s amazed, and encouraged, at the quick response of the City Council.

“It was God’s timing,” says Arndt, a longtime bus rider and advocate for better bus service. She led the women’s group in the action with the City Council. The women’s group started meeting two years ago, and one by one, most of the women who had no housing have been housed. With stability that comes with housing and supportive services, the women now are reaching out in service to the community. They say not only are basic tasks like laundry, grocery shopping, and trips to doctors, job interviews and case workers difficult by bus, limited routes and erratic schedules make bus transportation challenging if not impossible for night meetings, and weekend or holiday events.

“It’s the poor who get left out,” say group members, who create the talking points for the challenge. For example, women who want to participate in civic activities have difficulty getting to night meetings, and can be forced to walk through dangerous areas to get from a bus stop to home.

Group member Evelyn Kuhn, a governing board member at both Albuquerque Health Care for the Homeless and Trinity House Catholic Worker, told the City Council about her challenges.

“I can’t do nighttime church meetings, or participate in holiday community events,” she said.

While councilors ride the buses, and challenge the mayor and city staff to do the same, the city’s transit director has plans to attend a meeting of the women’s group to enlist the women’s help in finding solutions.

The city’s strong and immediate response to the women’s challenge shows the power of ordinary people to make a difference in the community we all share.

The Women’s Circle of Empowerment is a peer support, empowerment and advocacy group for women who have experienced or are experiencing homelessness, and women who walk alongside them in community. The group advocates for better lives for women living on the margins of Albuquerque society, and women living with limited economic means.

The group was established in August 2014 with support from the DRG’s Mission to the Displaced (formerly Mission to the Homeless). Additional support comes from St. Martin’s Hospitality Center Job Development Program (The Coffee Shop), Albuquerque Health Care for the Homeless, and the Supportive Housing Coalition.

The group meets 10:30 a.m. – Noon Mondays at The Coffee Shop, Second and Lomas, in Albuquerque. For more information, contact Amy Malick at amalick@sbcglobal.net or 860-805-1784.

Gifts and Guests welcomed at Casa Hogar

By Mityle Soukup

On Monday, August 15, Petra Tucker, Casa Hogar Board President, Mike Soukup from the Rio Grande Borderland Ministries and CHOJ, Luis Alcala, Felisa Taylor from St. John’s Episcopal Church in Austin, TX, and Felisa’s two sons, Trent and Levy, visited the Casa Hogar Orphanage in Ojinaga, Chihuahua.

We delivered a large number of new school supplies, courtesy of Felisa and donors of St. John’s, backpacks donated by the First Baptist Church of Alpine, TX, and some more restaurant grade kitchen utensils donated by Chef Jerry Gallegos of the Episcopal Diocese of the Rio Grande.

Casa Hogar staff members Sylvia Fernandez, Noemí Lujan, both also of the Albergue Casa Hogar Board, and Claudia Martínez showed us around and we saw continuing upgrading of the facilities, such as the library and indoor sports and games building in active use!

This was Felissa’s first visit so she was given the “red carpet” tour. Felissa and her sons are bilingual, and they were a hit with the kids! Felissa was surrounded and the kids loved her. She shared some “what is this word in English” lessons, and her sons played indoor soccer futbol with some of the boys.

We were treated to lunch, and served the same foods as the kids were provided. The food was excellent: soft tacos filled with pico de gallo, shredded chicken, sour cream, guacamole, and lettuce, accompanied by refined beans and rice. Better than some restaurants! It was a great visit with a lot of friendship and camaraderie evident! Many good things are happening at Casa Hogar!

Eucharist to Celebrate St. Andrew November 30th

By the Rev. Tom Bates, Deacon
Diocesan Coordinator

The Very Rev Robert Mundy will be doing Holy Eucharist at the Bosque Center remembering St. Andrew at 1:30 Wednesday, November 30th. We invite you to join Fr. Mundy, Roy Benavides, Richard Rohr’s Group meeting at the Bosque Center and others at noon for lunch and the 1:30 Service following.

Many of you will be celebrating St. Andrew’s Day during your mid week Services. I encourage all Brothers St. Andrew to make an effort to do so or to join us at the Bosque Center. God bless!
May All the Faithful Departed Rest in Peace

**Bishop Elated over the 50th Anniversary of His Priesthood**

The Rev. Dr. James Galbraith died on September 15, 2014. He was 80 years old and he served as rector of St. Andrew's Church in Las Cruces, New Mexico, from 1978 to 1998. He also served as rector of St. Michael and All Angels in West Odessa, Texas, from 1998 to 2002.

Father Galbraith was ordained to the priesthood on December 14, 1969, and he served as a deacon in Texas and Colorado. He earned a degree in philosophy from the University of Notre Dame and a master's degree in divinity from Nashotah House.

Father Galbraith is survived by his wife, Deedee, and his daughter, Victoria. He is also survived by his grandsons, John and James.

**Fr. Chuck's 50th Anniversary**

Father Charles McIntyre, a priest of the Episcopal Diocese of the Rio Grande, celebrated his 50th anniversary of ordination on September 15, 2014. He was ordained to the priesthood on September 15, 1964.

Father McIntyre was born on September 15, 1926, in Odessa, Texas. He was a talking witch's broom.

**The Rev. Susan Hutchins**

The Rev. Susan Hutchins is flanked by Diocesan Bishop Michael Vono and his Assisting Bishop Jerry Lamb following her ordination to the priesthood October 15. She will serve as Vicar of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Deming, as well as Missioner with the Rio Grande Borderland Ministries.

**Clergy Spouses Luncheon**

Bishop Vono addresses the Clergy Spouses gathered at La Fonda on the Plaza during Diocesan Convention in Santa Fe. Bishop Vono expressed his concerns and desires for the diocese to minister to those who are married to clergy.

**Bishop Celebrates Birthday**

Bishop Michael Vono poses with Guy and Cathy Gronquist and Linda Rizzo at his birthday celebration September 14 at Papadeaux Seafood Kitchen in Albuquerque.

One of his gifts, which he brought to Diocesan Convention, was a talking witch's broom.

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**Clergy**

Celebrating Fr. Frank Williams
65 years of Ordained Ministry

FRANCIS EDWARD (FRANK) WILLIAMS
Born Nov. 29, 1926 in Omaha, NE, but grew up in Milwaukee, WI
Educated: Harvard, Nashotah House, Hebrew Union College, Oxford
Deacon: April 18, 1951; Priest: October 18, 1951
Married: Charlotte Condia, September 18, 1954; Three children

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**Former Presiding Bishop leads Clergy in Retreat**

By the Rev. Alexander Lenzo

Former Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold led our reflections and prayer together, shared stories over meals and took long walks in the Bosque. We broke bread together in Eucharist, and reflected on our lives in ministry.

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**Bishop and Deedee**

Father Jim was the rector at St. Andrew's Church in Las Cruces, New Mexico, from 1987 to 2002. When he was a priest, Deedee retired to the Diocese of Northwest Texas in 1964, where he was transferred to the Diocese of Northwest Texas in 1964, where he was married to Deedee in 1965.

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By the Rev. Alexander Lenzo
Rector, St. Francis Episcopal Church

Diocesan clergy take moments out of retreat to savor the Bosque on an Ignatian nature walk led by Fr. Paul Moore, who provided this photograph.

Rickie Sherrill provided the resource to fill personal reading desires.

Opportunity provided for quiet and time apart from gatherings.

Deacon Judith Jenkins prepares to walk the Labyrinth.

The Book of Common Prayer provides focus for Fr. James Brzezinski.

Guest speaker the Most Rev. Frank Griswold is flanked by Bishop Vono and his executive assistant Mary Jewell. (Photo by Dale Plummer)

The Rev. Sylvia Miller-Mutia, rector of St. Thomas of Canterbury, Albuquerque, leads the clergy in a chant. (Photo by Dale Plummer)

The Book of Common Prayer provides focus for Fr. James Brzezinski.

Former Presiding Bishop Griswold celebrates the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels. (Photo by Dale Plummer)

Gathering for meals gave clergy time to reflect. (Photo by Dale Plummer)

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Fr. Robin D. Dodge begins tenure as Rector of Holy Faith


Fr. Dodge grew up in Springfield, VT and received a B.A. from Cornell University in 1980, where he studied history with a particular focus on England during the reign of the Tudors and Stuarts. He received a J.D. in 1983 from Boston University. As a lawyer, Fr. Robin practiced corporate law concentrating in trademarks, copyrights, and unfair competition, first in Chicago and then in Washington, D.C., with Winston & Strawn (formerly Bishop, Cook, Purcell & Reynolds) and then Venable, Baetjer, Howard & Civitelli.

After more than ten years as a lawyer, and wrestling with a perceived call to ordained ministry while a parishioner at Church of Our Saviour in Chicago and Christ Church Georgetown, Fr. Robin entered Virginia Theological Seminary and was awarded an M.Div. in 1999. He was ordained deacon in 1998 and priest in 1999. Fr. Robin spent more than three years as Associate Rector of St. Mary’s Episcopal Church in Arlington, VA, before being appointed Associate Vicar of St. Mary Redcliffe in Bristol, England. Upon the Vicar’s departure in 2004, Fr. Robin served as priest-in-charge. In 2005 he was called to be Rector of St David’s Episcopal Church in Washington, D.C., where he served until he was called to Holy Faith.

Fr. Robin was the President of the American Friends of St. David’s in Wales, Chaplain to the British Embassy in Washington, D.C., and continues to serve as Chaplain to the Board of the Friends of St. Benedict. He is seeking to become an oblate of St. John’s Abbey in Collegeville, MN. He is also a member of the Order of St. John.

Since 1986 Robin has been married to Thérèse Saint-André, whom he met at coffee hour at Church of Our Saviour in Chicago. They have two sons, Cameron, age 24, a graduate of St. Albans School in Washington, D.C. and the University of Virginia, who lives and works in Atlanta, and Barrett, age 21, who is pursuing vocational training.

The search for Fr. Robin began on December 4, 2015. When the late Rev. Cn. Semon informed Bishop Vono earlier that year of his wish to retire in 2016, he requested that the Bishop grant permission for a search to be conducted with a sitting Rector. Bishop Michael, after reflecting on the fact that there is precedent for searches to be carried out with an incumbent (for Presiding Bishop, for example), agreed that Holy Faith could employ a new protocol devised by the Diocese, and a Search Committee was constituted. The process was well underway and the Search Committee was near to naming a short list at the day that the Search Committee first met, the Senior Warden and Chair of the Search Committee announced to the Parish that the Vestry had called Fr. Robin with the blessing of the Bishop.

The Holy Faith Choir and procession gather outside.

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Fr. Howden held the rank of Captain in the New Mexico State Guard, and was the Chaplain to the 28th Coast Artillery which was federalized and sent to the Philippines in September 1941. When World War II broke out, the unit was deployed from Manila. "Shrapnel" Howden walked the hills of Bataan from battery to battery looking for survivors and distributing candy, water, and cigarettes he had foraged for the troops. He was a spiritual presence to his men, and in him they saw demonstrated love, goodness, and joy in serving others in the Lord's name and for His sake.

At the Fall of Bataan and Corregidor to Japanese forces in April 1942, Fr. Howden and his fellow soldiers endured the Bataan Death March during which some 10,000 died. During imprisonment in several prison camps, his faith and faithfulness were apparent through the humanitarian care he gave to those he served. At great cost to himself he often gave his own portion of food to others when he needed it more than he.

Fr. Howden died of dysentery and starvation-in-prison on December 11, 1942. His family were not notified until June 1943. He was buried by his men in a small cemetery in the shadow of the Minamisora jungle a mile or so from the camp of Dorcas. After the war in 1948, his remains were reinterred in an Albuquerque, New Mexico cemetery.

Fr. Howden's service ends:
The Propers for The Rev. Frederick B. ’Toll’ Howden Bishop of the American Church in Heavenly-Martyr December 11, 1942
Isaiah 62:10-11, 18-20
Psalm 18:1-6, 18-20
Collect Almighty God our strength and sustenance, you gave your servant Frederick Howden the grace and courage to pursue it. Strengthen us with your Spirit for the duties of life before us, that we may continue your faithful servants in our life and also in the last entry into your heavenly kingdom through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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