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Fr. Robert's Remarks



FR. ROBERT MANSFIELD, SSC
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Since the last issue I, with Fr. Marriott, was blessed with being able to attend the Provincial Synod in Athens, Georgia.

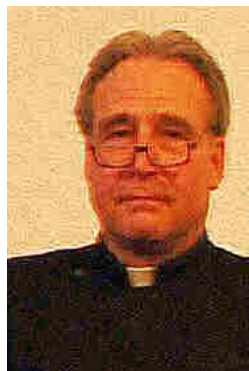
Fr. Robert Hart, whom many of you will know from his longtime blog *The Continuum* (<http://anglicancontinuum.blogspot.ca>), has commented on the Synod. He wrote in summary, "The feeling and atmosphere of Provincial Synods (which I attended every other year since 2009) is one of peace and joy. All things are done decently and in order. The business conducted on the Synod Floor is always about genuine and relevant issues upon which to vote. Spiritually, the whole experience is always rich and rewarding."

Our spirituality is incarnational and will always involve our relationships with God and with each other. To worship together as a body made up of people from many countries and cultures is a powerful experience. To begin each session of the Synod with the Lord's Prayer was meaningful and appropriate—**OUR** Father. Making it particularly meaningful, also, was the fact that the prayer was said in a variety of languages including Spanish, French, Dinka (South Sudan), Kinyinrunda (Rwanda), and isiXhosa (South Africa), and, for the first time, Welsh.

Each day began with Mattins and Mass and ended with Evening Prayer. On the Tuesday morning the

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Fr. James Chantler: A Sermon for Trinity 23



FR. JAMES CHANTLER

There is an ancient expression which scholars say originated in either China or the Arabian Peninsula which goes: 'the enemy of my enemy is my friend'. This might seem to be the principle working in today's Gospel when Jesus is confronted by the Herodians and the Pharisees. Several decades before the birth of Christ the Israelites had been conquered by the Romans. Julius Caesar appointed Antipater, an Idumean, to be his vassal and to rule over the Jewish people. Antipater established the Herodian dynasty and this group, owing its place of power to Romans, was eager to get along with Rome. The

Pharisees, on the other hand, chafed under Roman rule and resented paying taxes to what they contended was an illegitimate authority. The Herodians and Pharisees naturally hated each other but in today's story they worked together as Jesus, whom many were claiming to be King Of The Jews, was perceived as a common threat. Politics make strange bedfellows indeed! The Pharisees put a question to Jesus in the presence of the Herodians with both groups hoping to snare Him in His reply: 'Is it lawful to

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give tribute to Caesar? If Jesus replied ‘no’ the Herodians would claim that He was challenging the authority of Caesar. If Jesus replied ‘yes’ it was lawful the Pharisees would declare Him to be nothing more than a collaborator with the hated Roman oppressors. Jesus’ skillful reply demonstrates His divine wisdom and lays down a principle which is instructive and authoritative for the followers of Christ in every age. Jesus asks for a coin and uses it to describe one’s duty to the state. They were obliged to be good citizens, to pay their taxes and obey their governors. Just as the state has obligations to the people, the people have obligations to the state and, unless they are commanded to do something contrary to GOD’s law, they ought to submit to the higher power. Hear what St. Paul says in Romans 13: 1-7:

Let every soul be subject into the higher powers. For in them is no power but of GOD, the powers that be are ordained of GOD. Whosoever, therefore, resisteth the power resisteth the ordinance of GOD and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. For rulers are not a terror to good works but evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? Do that which is good. But if thou do that which is evil be afraid; for he beareth the sword in vain; for he is the minister of GOD, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. Wherefore ye must needs be subject not only for wrath but also for consciences sake. For this cause pay ye tribute also; for they are GOD’s ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. Render therefore to all their dues, tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour.

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This is good counsel, indeed, from St. Paul but it doesn’t address the entirety of what our Lord is teaching in today’s liturgical Gospel: as loyalty to the state “rendering unto Caesar what is Caesar’s” must never trump our loyalty to GOD. Jesus’ last word on the subject is “render unto GOD the things that are GOD’s” which means that our primary loyalty is to GOD from which flows our duty to be good citizens. Remember the first four Commandments address our duty to GOD: GOD first dear brethren! Then come the last six: our duty to our neighbour. This is the unbroken teaching of the Church since Apostolic times which she inherited from ancient Israel: if we are commanded to do anything contrary to GOD’s law we should be prepared to suffer rather than obey. You may recall an episode in the Book Of Acts when the Sadducees and Temple authorities were so indignant over the Apostles’ work, and the progress they were making, that they had them thrown into prison when the Apostles refused to be silent. An Angel of the Lord liberated them and instructed them to return to the Temple and continue in their Apostolate. The Apostles were once again confronted by the authorities and we find their response in Acts 5:29-32:

“Peter and the other Apostles answered and said we ought to obey GOD rather than men. The GOD of our fathers raised up Jesus whom ye slew

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and hung upon a tree. Him hath GOD exalted with His right hand to be a Prince and Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are His witnesses of these things and so is the Holy Ghost whom GOD hath given to them that obey Him.”

They understood the principle that Christ expounds today and so must we: Christians as witnesses to the eternal truths are called to be good citizens but we must always remember that in the end we long to be citizens of Heaven. Amen.



Bonnie's Reflections: *Broken Pieces*



MRS. BONNIE IVEY

How often have you heard this? When a pregnant woman is asked “Would you rather have a boy or a girl?” she replies “It doesn’t matter, *just as long as it’s healthy!*”

We live in a broken world, and sometimes we enter it broken ourselves. Even robust health can abruptly be changed by illness or accident. Our society values the perfect, the normal and the beautiful. Every parent longs to have a child who will grow up to be independent and productive. Abortion is seen as the fix when a pregnancy is unplanned, unwanted, or it is predicted that the child will be “broken.”

Women undergo repeated tests during pregnancy, to ensure the child is developing normally. Abortion may be suggested, even pressed upon the mother, if there are signs of abnormality. One woman was told by her obstetrician that she should abort her Down syndrome baby because “It’ll just hang on you, drooling!” The contempt and willful ignorance of that doctor are distressing.

It is little known that Margaret Sanger, founder of Planned Parenthood, aimed to “**weed out the unfit...preventing the birth of the defective or those who will become defective.**” This echoes Nazi philosophy, the development of a perfect race. It is ironic that in spite of breakthroughs in medical care, society increasingly views parents who give birth to babies with special needs as irresponsible. The bottom line trumps the value of human life.

What can we do in the face of this trend? The internet opens a window into the lives of people who embrace the imperfect, and lay down their lives in service of the broken. Bishop Damien Mead, partnering with social worker Roy Hipkiss, founded the English organization **Credo Care**. Their aim is to find loving foster families for children with disabilities or complex medical issues, whose birth families cannot provide necessary care. Each child is placed with a family where his or her needs are addressed, and

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Bonnie's Reflections: Broken Pieces

accomplishments are celebrated. Even those with limited life span receive tender palliative care, "at home".

The website **The Mighty** gives insight into the lives of families dealing with special needs, and the life they live "in the trenches". What is it like to receive a frightening diagnosis? Where do they find help? What are the attitudes of family, friends, and strangers they encounter in daily living with disability? What is it that gives them joy?

The Facebook page **His Hands His Feet Today** shows us the Green family, whose twelve children, adopted from several different countries, have fun, make noise, make music, and support one another. There are several medical issues among them, which make for numerous appointments and special care techniques. Two other children were adopted with the knowledge their lives would be short, but those little ones were treasured as long as they lived. Now two more boys are in the adoption process. "If you cannot adopt," say the Greens, "Support the ones who can."

"HEAL ME . . ."

Author Nick Vujicic was born without limbs. Possessing only one partial foot, he used that as a hand, rejecting prosthetic arms because they slowed him down. Teasing from schoolmates caused him to consider suicide when he was a boy. He set aside his own fears and vision of the future, to rely on the Lord. Nick is now an evangelist and motivational speaker, married, with children. He says God can use the broken pieces of our lives. "If you don't get a miracle you can still be a miracle for someone else. If God can use a man without arms or legs to be His hands and feet, then God will certainly use your willing heart."

"... WE WILL BE

MORE THAN

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In the blog **I'm Julia's Mom**, we find this prayer of a special needs child's mother:

"Heal me from my selfishness, my insecurities, my need to control, my fear of hard things. Heal me so that when hard things come I will stand firm, I will move towards, and I will be **MORE THAN**. **In all these things we will be more than conquerors through him who loved us.**"

(Romans 8:37)



Provincial Synod 2015



IN FRONT OF THE HOTEL



JOHN OMWAKE — EDITOR OF THE TRINITARIAN



FR. JOHN HOLLISTER,
CHANCELLOR

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IS THIS A FIZZ OF BISHOPS?

BACK IN THE MID-1980S, THE LATE BISHOP ROBERT CRAWLEY, SSC PROPOSED "FIZZ" AS THE COLLECTIVE FOR BISHOPS SINCE, AS HE NOTED, "PEPSI COLA" IS AN ANAGRAM OF THE WORD "EPISCOPAL".

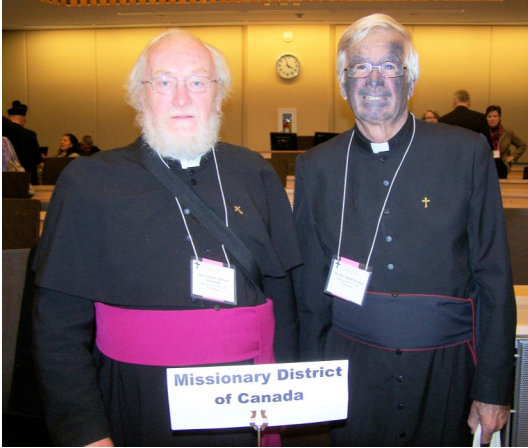


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BISHOP JOHN NDEGWA



BISHOP WILSON GARANG



BISHOP GERMAN ORREGO-HURTADO WITH HIS TRANSLATOR



FR. JOHN BENEDICT, CGS



FR. GEORGE BETSOS



Fr. Robert's Remarks

Mass offered at the beautiful St. Stephen's Church was of the Consecration of John Ndegwa as Bishop of Kenya. The College of Bishops met throughout the day following the Consecration. This allowed the rest of us the freedom to get settled in and to meet and chat informally before the registration that afternoon.

Fr. David Marriott was able to meet with the French speaking contingent at the Synod. While, regrettably, Fr. Alphonse Ndutiye from Cameroon was unable to be present, Bishop Stephen Ayule-Milenge of Congo and Fr. Bien-Aime of Haiti were there. See page 12 of this issue for a note from Fr. David.

Present at the Synod from other jurisdictions were Bishop Brian Marsh, Bishop John Hiles of the Anglican Church in America, Bishop Walter Grundorf of the Anglican Province of America, Bishop Paul Hewett of the Diocese of the Holy Cross, Bishop Royal Grote and Bishop Ray Sutton of the Reformed Episcopal Church. If I have forgotten anyone else, I shall have to beg, paraphrasing the words of Archbishop Haverland, that there be attributed no malice when things can easily be explained by ignorance or forgetfulness. (If there had been nothing else, this line would have been my "take away" from the Synod.)

The business of Synod was handled in a very efficient manner. Presentation of matters financial, canonical, electoral, etc., moved along very quickly. Reports from various countries were presented. Reports from various committees—Oecumenical concerns, Chaplaincy/Military Ordinariate, Evangelism, etc.

One significant area of work was done by the Chancellors/Canonists. They have been responding to recent court rulings and dealing with the affirmation of our traditional understanding of marriage and our support for life from conception to natural death.

It will be somewhat obvious that I have scattered



DETAIL FROM A WINDOW
IN ST. STEPHEN'S



BISHOP DAMIEN MEAD



ST. STEPHEN'S, ATHENS, GA – HOST PARISH

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some Synod photos throughout this issue. One person for whom I do regret that I do not have a good photo is Mrs. Debbie Weaver, the Provincial Secretary. She has a real touch for pulling things together.

There is good coverage in the *Trinitarian* of the events of the Synod. (The digital copy arrived this morning, November 13.)

One of the items that editor John Omwake—who also made a point of encouraging subscriptions to the *Trinitarian*—has already posted in part on the ACC website touches on the fact that “Ties between the ACC and the Anglican Church in America and the Anglican Province of America, which have drawn increasingly closer over the last four years, have taken a giant leap 'forward in faith'.”

This took place Oct. 28 on the floor of the XXI Provincial Synod, when a delegate asked Archbishop Haverland about receiving communion at an ACA or APA church when an ACC parish is not nearby.

The Archbishop replied in the affirmative, placing the ACC in *de facto* communion with the two Continuing Churches.

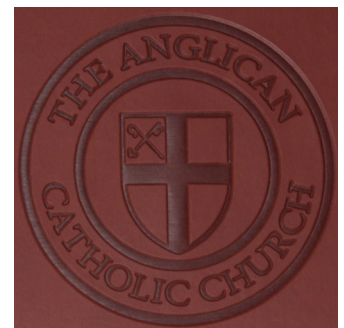
Watch for the *Trinitarian* for more on this topic and others as well.

Until next month. God Bless!



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OUR HOST FACILITY



Provincial Synod



BISHOP MUSHTAQ ANDREW WITH A PHILIPPINE DELEGATE



BISHOP SOLOMZI MENTJIES



FR. LEIGH KESTER, ARCHIVIST



BISHOP BRIAN MARSH (ACA)



FR. PHANUEL MUNEZERO



CHAPEL SETUP IN THE HOTEL



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A DISPLAY OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW ORLEANS, THE MISSIONARY DIOCESE OF THE PHILIPPINES, & THE COMMUNITY OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

Fr. Thomas Hopko: 55 Maxims for Christian Living



Very Rev. Thomas Hopko
March 28, 1939-March 18, 2015

Fr. Tom Hopko was a priest of the Orthodox Church in America.

He taught at St. Vladimir's Orthodox Seminary where he also served as Dean

for some years; he wrote books, conducted retreats, and, in later years and to within a month of his death, did extensive podcasting—I believe that there are about 430 podcast files on the Ancient Faith Radio site (www.ancientfaith.com). In his wonderful series on *The Names of Jesus*, Fr. Tom identifies the names bestowed on Christ by the Holy Scriptures and the Church Fathers and explains their significance. These talks have, since Fr. Tom's death in March this year, been edited down into a book of the same name. It has just been released and may be found at <http://store.ancientfaith.com/the-names-of-jesus/>.

“BE
ALWAYS
WITH
CHRIST.”

Having read and/or listened to Fr. Tom over the last almost 40 years, I have been impressed and helped by his ability to communicate truths of the faith simply. While he certainly moved capably among academics, he also moved, equally capably, as a pastor among ordinary people.

One thing that he wrote and spoke on from time to time was his 55 Maxims for Christian Living. There is not one of them that could not be used with great advantage by Anglicans. I commend them to you for your prayerful consideration.

1. Be always with Christ.
2. Pray as you can, not as you want.
3. Have a keepable rule of prayer that you do by discipline.
4. Say the Lord's Prayer several times a day.
5. Have a short prayer that you constantly repeat when your mind is not occupied with other things.
6. Make some prostrations when you pray.
7. Eat good foods in moderation.
8. Keep the Church's fasting rules.
9. Spend some time in silence every day.
10. Do acts of mercy in secret.
11. Go to liturgical services regularly
12. Go to confession and communion regularly.

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13. Do not engage intrusive thoughts and feelings. Cut them off at the start.
14. Reveal all your thoughts and feelings regularly to a trusted person.
15. Read the scriptures regularly.
16. Read good books a little at a time.
17. Cultivate communion with the saints.
18. Be an ordinary person.
19. Be polite with everyone.
20. Maintain cleanliness and order in your home.
21. Have a healthy, wholesome hobby.
22. Exercise regularly.
23. Live a day, and a part of a day, at a time.
24. Be totally honest, first of all, with yourself.
25. Be faithful in little things.
26. Do your work, and then forget it.
27. Do the most difficult and painful things first.
28. Face reality.
29. Be grateful in all things.
30. Be cheerful.
31. Be simple, hidden, quiet and small.
32. Never bring attention to yourself.
33. Listen when people talk to you.
34. Be awake and be attentive.
35. Think and talk about things no more than necessary.
36. When we speak, speak simply, clearly, firmly and directly.
37. Flee imagination, analysis, figuring things out.
38. Flee carnal, sexual things at their first appearance.
39. Don't complain, mumble, murmur or whine.
40. Don't compare yourself with anyone.
41. Don't seek or expect praise or pity from anyone.
42. We don't judge anyone for anything.
43. Don't try to convince anyone of anything.
44. Don't defend or justify yourself.
45. Be defined and bound by God alone.

BE

FAITHFUL

IN

LITTLE THINGS

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46. Accept criticism gratefully but test it critically.
47. Give advice to others only when asked or obligated to do so.
48. Do nothing for anyone that they can and should do for themselves.
49. Have a daily schedule of activities, avoiding whim and caprice.
50. Be merciful with yourself and with others.
51. Have no expectations except to be fiercely tempted to your last breath.
52. Focus exclusively on God and light, not on sin and darkness.
53. Endure the trial of yourself and your own faults and sins peacefully, serenely, because you know that God's mercy is greater than your wretchedness.
54. When we fall, get up immediately and start over.
55. Get help when you need it, without fear and without shame.



A HEALTH
CLINIC & A
PRAYER
BOOK IN
SWAHILI —
TWO
PROJECTS
FOR
CONGO.

The Africa Appeal Works at Synod and After



FR. DAVID MARRIOTT, SSC

Fr. Marriott writes:

“As Provincial Synod ended, Bishop Steven Ayule-Milenge and I were taken by Archbishop Haverland to meet Mr. & Mrs. Tom Wilkins of the Wilkins Foundation, who had arranged for a video interview, a conversation between Bishop Steven & me, concerning the current situation in villages of the Missionary Diocese of Congo. The purpose of this interview was to encourage benefactors to support two major projects in Congo, the first being the construction and completion of a new health clinic, and the second, to raise funding for a reprint of the existing Swahili Prayer book, in itself a translation of the 1928 US Book. I look

forward to seeing the result of the work done by the video team who are preparing the conversation for release.

During the synod, I spoke with several clergy about the need for a 'standard' French prayer book for the francophone countries: at present Haiti is using a translation of the 1928 US book, but Congo and Cameroon do not have an edition in French. As with the Congolese Swahili text, the printing is done locally in order to avoid the excessive shipping costs to Central Africa. It is hoped that a small group might assume the challenge of this project, once it is clear how many might be needed in each country.

Many thanks to those who assisted with the urgent appeal for funds when Fr. Alphonse fell off a motorbike taxi, and ended up in hospital for a week. He is now well and back in action: your funds have been of great help for a priest who works incredibly hard with minimal resources for the good of the church.”



*From the Parishes***Ascension, Waterloo, ON****RIP Helen Edith (Cutler) Glover, 1919-2015**

Helen was born in the small English village of Wimborne St. Giles in Dorset, the youngest of four children, twins Kitty and Frank, Marie and Helen.

Her family had lived there for several generations and had provided the community with traditional blacksmith services.

She attended high school in nearby Parkstone, and then Salisbury Diocesan Women Teachers College in the shadow of well known Salisbury cathedral, graduating in 1939.

She taught in Wimborne St. Giles until 1946 with many of her students being war-time evacuees from Southampton and Portsmouth.

In 1940 she married Maurice Charles Glover of the Royal Air Force, who was subsequently killed on active service in 1942, in the crash of a Halifax bomber. Their son Paul was born during that time.

In 1945 she moved to and taught in several schools in Scotland before emigrating to Canada with Paul in 1954. She then taught English to new Canadians for the Ontario Workers Compensation Board, prior to joining the Peel school system in Mississauga where she taught for sixteen years as a librarian teacher tasked with setting up two libraries per year in Peel public schools. She then moved to Kitchener and was the librarian in William G. Davis and Smithson Public Schools in Waterloo County for 14 years until retirement in 1984.

Following retirement from teaching she continued with a very busy lifestyle highlighted by the following:

- ♦ she attended Wilfred Laurier University from 1984 to 1992 to earn her B.A. in English Classical Studies.
- ♦ she served as a volunteer in the Emergency Department at Grand River Hospital and then as a clown in Joke Junction at that hospital.
- ♦ she attended Elder Hostel courses in London, Paris and Toronto in Ontario, Victoria in British Columbia and a three week sojourn in England.
- ♦ - she wrote many stories, articles and poems which were published in various magazines, newspapers, and journals. (One was *A Paean to the Holy Trinity* printed in the January 2015 issue of this newsletter.)



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Fr. Peter Jardine: A Sermon at a Baptism

- ◆ Formerly of St. Edmund's parish, Helen was a founding member of and attended the Mission of the Ascension in Waterloo.
- ◆ she participated in Scottish Country Dancing activities during early retirement years.
- ◆ She maintained her own apartment at 12 Birkshire Court in Kitchener for over thirty years, and then moved to Clair Hills Retirement Home in Waterloo in 2013. She had just entered Columbia Forest Long Term Care Home where she passed away with her family in attendance on October 25th 2015.

Helen's funeral was held in the Henry Walser Funeral in Kitchener home on Friday November 6th. A Requiem Mass was held later. Fr. Robert Mansfield, SSC officiated.



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