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From the Rector

The Last Column

It was not long after our last newsletter was put to bed that I decided, following much prayer and heartfelt reflection, to accept a call to serve God as a teacher of religion and theology at Mount Aloysius College in Cresson, Pa. This is my last column to you. My last Sunday at Resurrection will be July 27. I will take two weeks of vacation at the beginning of August, and then take up my duties at "the Mount."

I find it very hard to say much beyond what I wrote in April, that God gives each of us gifts, and challenges us with opportunities to use the gifts he has given us. I use the word "challenge" quite deliberately. An opportunity is not necessarily something easy to grasp. Had I my druthers, I would never leave Resurrection! But it is clear to me that this teaching post is God's call to me at this time. And so, as I wrote earlier: Just as I followed his call to serve the people of this parish in 1989, so now I know I must follow that same leading to serve him in a new setting.

I am grateful for all that you have given me. It has been real grace to have a deacon who is discerning and faithful (and who is also now giving us all a model of obedience himself). It has been wonderful to have wardens over the years who

have shared their counsel and gifts with me. When our family went through its medical crisis, your support showed us what it means to be a member of the body which is called "church."



Father Victor Austin

You are in good hands. First, as I said on Pentecost, you have already been given, by the Holy Spirit, the gifts you need as a parish. You may have to discern those gifts, and you may have to work harder or in different ways, but the gifts are already there. God has provided, and will provide, what you need. And second, even as I follow God's call, so God is at the same time calling you to a new phase in your journey as a parish. In Fred and Theresa you have the best wardens a church could ask for. Your vestry and they need your prayers, and support, as they begin the search process for a new rector.

God is about to open a new chapter at the Church of the Resurrection. I will be praying for you. And from my new home I will await tidings of what graces and delights he has in store for you.

—Victor+



Gym Membership

Would anyone like to assume my gym membership at Body Maxx?

Ten months (July 27, 2003, to May 27, 2004)

for \$99 plus their \$15 change fee.

--Fr Victor



International Missions

One of the groups that the Church of the Resurrection contributes to as part of our missions budget is FIVE TALENTS INTERNATIONAL. This organization was commended by resolution at the 1998 Lambeth Conference. Its purpose is to loan very small amounts of money (\$50 to \$250) to give a poor business owner a hand-up, not a handout. The income earned from these businesses, such as street vending, sewing, raising livestock, brick manufacturing, and shoe making, means nothing less than survival for the poor

and their families.

The Archbishop of Canterbury commends Five Talents International as a concrete Anglican response to the poverty, disease, and unemployment that continually traps the poor in a vicious cycle. Five Talents gives hope, creating employment and transforming the lives of the poor around the world. By working with churches and church leaders in developing countries at the very grassroots level, Five Talents is empowering poor families by promoting small business train-

ing and offering innovative credit and savings programs. More than 2000 families have been helped since 1999.

One of those helped is Elisha from western Uganda, who wanted to open a shoemaking business to support this wife and two small children, who live in a one-room house the size of a large closet. Elisha hopes to earn enough to move his family into a larger home and still be able to feed and clothe them adequately. However, because Elisha is physically handicapped, commercial banks would not lend

him money to get started. A neighbor recently told him about Five Talents, he applied for, and received a loan of about \$140 and opened a small shop. He is now on his way to having a successful small business and creating a better life for his family.

Submitted by: Betty Richter for the Missions Committee

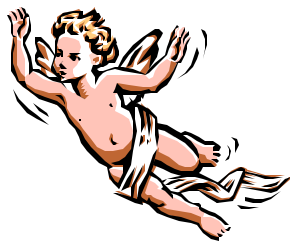
Angels Anonymous

Would you like to be an angel? Do you need an angel?

This unique and caring ministry is still going strong in its 7th month - would you like to help or know more?

Please speak to me at church or call me at home (831-7057)!

Anne Kasin



Thank You Angels!

To the Angels Anonymous-

This may sound repetitious, but thank you all again for the many wonderful gifts, gas cards, movie tickets, meals & if I forgot any, I'm sorry. Your thoughtfulness, your friendship, your countless hours spent at our home for Joe's tutors to be there & most of all - your prayers!! Joe is now in the last stage of radiation treatments and his atti-

tude & courage still continue to amaze us. Your prayers are being answered. Again, thank you all!

The Haubrich's
Joe, Leeann, Joe II, Kristina & Dennis

Ask A Priest

BELLS

Someone asked a question about church bells. About nine years ago I wrote the following for the back word of the bulletin, which perhaps is worth repeating today.

Church Bells and Our Spiritual Life

The history of church bells goes back almost as far as the history of the church. The first bells were carried around by a handle and struck by a mallet to announce the beginning of worship services. St. Patrick apparently had one. Later on, these bells would be venerated as holy objects that had been used by holy persons; there exist bells in metal shrines.

By the 6th century bells were being attached to

church buildings. The invention of the clapper made it possible to raise the bells high and have them rung by a rope: this was increasingly done from the 9th century onwards. Our bell here at Resurrection is of this type...

In the Middle Ages a new bell would be baptized in the name of the Trinity in a service involving unction and salt water. The prayers that were then said indicated that bells were believed capable of guarding a church against storm damage and of driving away evil spirits.

Today a new bell is sprinkled with holy water and censed. Our prayers refer to the use of a bell in calling to worship and in marking life's occasions, such as baptisms, weddings, and funerals. One use of a church bell is to ring the Angelus. This

devotion is a reminder of the Incarnation involving 3 Ave Marias with versicles and a collect:

The angel of the Lord appeared unto Mary, and she conceived of the Holy Ghost. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. Hail Mary . . . And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. Hail Mary . . .

Let us pray. We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts, that as we have known the Incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his Cross and Passion

may we be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Amen.

The Angelus bell is rung 3 times for each Ave Maria, and 9 times for the collect. Since the 17th century it has been rung at morning, mid-day, and evening in most Roman Catholic, and a few Anglican, churches.

It is easy to see how church bells can mark the four cycles of the spiritual life. Our daily cycle has the Angelus. Weekly, the bell calls us to Sunday worship. Through the year the use of the bell changes with the seasons (notably, it is not rung during Lent, and we go wild at Easter). And the bell can ring for important moments in the cycle of our life as a whole: baptisms, weddings, ordinations, funerals.

Ask A Priest—The Second Question

Here are quick answers

We say in the creed that we are CATHOLIC. Some people may wonder as many think of catholic only as "Roman Catholic".

I know that this question has been answered in sermons, but it may help to refresh our (my) understanding if we see it in writing.

Response:

"Catholic" is one of the

marks of the Church (the other marks being "one," "holy," and "apostolic"). The Prayer Book has an excellent definition of this (see page 854): "The Church is catholic, because it proclaims the whole Faith to all people, to the end of time."

Catholicity has to do with universality. The Church is catholic when it proclaims the entirety of the Christian faith, not merely a truncated version of it. The Church is catholic, also, when it pro-

claims that faith as good news for all people, not just some people. And the Church is catholic when its proclamation of the good news perdures over time: the faith is not something true at one historical period, but not necessarily true at other times!

So to recognize the Church as catholic is at the same time to recognize that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is for all people (not just people like us) in all times (not just

in our time, or in some old time). That is, the catholicity of the Church is a strike against claims of relativism. *This* gospel, *this* Jesus who died and rose again, *this* person who offers us a relationship with himself: *this* is the truth for all people everywhere always. Even if there are intelligent beings on other planets, Jesus of Nazareth died for them so that they, too, might be saved. That shows you how big is the catholicity of the Church!

Coming Soon! To the Church of the Resurrection

A Youth Group

**When: Starting in September, 2003
Grades: 6th—12th**

Interested???

**More details to follow. Look for signs &
Details in the near future—check the
Church—Undercroft—Sunday Bulletin
& right here in “News and Views”!**



Buildings & Grounds

As of this printing, work-day, or "Spring Clean Up," is taking place: Sunday, June 1 (weather permitting) – is there a sun up in those gray skies? We certainly hope so!

There are lots of chores and lots of willing hands ready to work. Exterior chores include raking, pruning, flowering, painting. Interior chores include cleaning, mopping, window washing. Sounds like a full

day? Not with all the wonderful volunteers who devote 2 hours of their time and miraculously get it done. Then, of course, there will be a wonderful and tasty lunch served up by Betty Richter and her

helpers.

Thank you, thank you, thank you all.

Joe Haubrich

Concerning Deacons, and Deacon Don

The ministry of a deacon is essentially one of service. Think of what Don does in our liturgy: he reads the Gospel, leads the prayers of the people, prepares the Holy Table for the Eucharist, and then tells us to get going. Deacons bear the good news of Jesus who humbled himself to our human condition. They serve by setting the table for our holy meal. They remind us of the ministry each one of us has: to serve those who have needs, as Jesus did. And they tell us to get out of church and get to business.

Deacons are not leaders: they are not priests. Deacons

don't tell us to come to church; they don't begin the liturgy; they don't summon the people to come together. A deacon cannot celebrate the Eucharist, nor can he bless. His ministry is, again, essentially one of service.

In the Episcopal Church, deacons are assigned to parishes by the bishop. Our diocese requires that a deacon leave a parish before a new rector comes. This is to recognize the fact that a rector is the leader of a parish, and should have the ability to decide whether he or she wants a deacon, and if so, whom. So the requirement that a deacon leave is conso-

nant with the polity of our church.

Our diocese further requires, as a matter of prudence, that a deacon resign when the rector resigns. This allows the bishop, if he thinks it wise, to remove a deacon from a parish even before the search process begins.

So what's happening at Resurrection?

Deacon Don has written to Bishop Sisk his resignation, effective August 15, 2003, the same date that my resignation is effective. He is also requesting to be reappointed to Resurrection for a brief

time – until November 1, 2003.

I have grown quite fond of Don and Lola during their five years among us. They have been a support, good friends, and an example in godliness. I am glad that Don is willing to stay beyond my departure; it will help ease the transition. I think it is especially good that God has given our parish a deacon, so that we can learn from his example, both personal and sacramental, what it means to serve and obey our Lord Jesus Christ.

-Victor+

Summer at Resurrection

During the summer months at Resurrection, the Sunday School teachers take a well deserved break! They work tirelessly during the school year to educate our youth, so now it's our turn to pitch in and help! With as many parents as we have, this should be no problem!!!

What do you have to do to help? Simple, sign up. Yep,

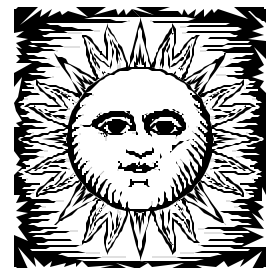
sign your name to the sheet showing which Sunday you will be in the Undercroft at the beginning of service to press the <PLAY> button on the VCR for the children. Then you get to press the <STOP> button when it is time to take the children upstairs for communion.

What? You don't want to sit and watch the video? That's

great! While the children are watching the video, you could easily set up for coffee hour to keep yourself busy! Bring in some cookies, or fresh fruits, start the coffee pot...it's simple. And clean up goes quick too! If you've never done it before, but you are ready to dive in...just contact Lisa Hadad and she'll help you!

Please, make this summer schedule a part of your ministry to the others in this church. The children are counting on you!

Thanks!



Children's Corner

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Summer with the Saints

- ANDREW
- BARNABAS
- BARTHOLOMEW
- JAMES
- JOHN
- JUDE
- LUKE
- MARY
- MATTHEW
- MICHAEL
- PAUL
- PETER
- SIMON
- STEPHEN



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