

# The Cathedral Call

April 2010

Dear Friends in Christ,

Like many of you, I followed, with more than casual interest, the health care reform debate in both Congress and the nation. Actually, it really was not so much a debate as “trench warfare,” with one side producing a program and digging in while the other side charged it with “fixed bayonets.”

I found much in this process to be disappointing and indeed disheartening. As I looked ahead to the Gospel, good news, of Easter, the oft times ugliness and nastiness swirling around Washington and the nation seemed anything but good news. This came to a head during the days just before the vote in the House of Representatives. The crowd that gathered both outside and inside the Capital, some times egged on by members of the House, was ugly and nasty. Not there to peacefully petition on behalf of their beliefs, but to bully and threaten those who disagreed with them. This was highlighted with the screaming of the “N” word at Representative Lewis, a hero of the Civil Rights Movement. The members of the crowd collectively are called the Tea Party. They have given tea a bad image.

But such bad news cannot block good news, just as crucifixion could not block resurrection. So, I rejoiced when I read the good news of the courage expressed on behalf of 56,000 nuns by their leaders as they took on the United States Roman Catholic hierarchy. They stood up for truthfulness and for the welfare of millions in the face of power. Whether I agree with the Senate bill now passed by the House of Representatives or not, these Roman Catholic nuns have been a witness to the liberating power of the Resurrection.

In an Associated Press report, one nun, Sister Simone Campbell, is quoted: *“This is politics; this isn't a question of faith and morals. We are the ones who work every day with people who are suffering because they don't have health care. We cannot turn our backs on them, so for us, health care reform is a faith-based response to human need.”*

In their letter to members of Congress, the nuns said:

*The health care bill that has been passed by the Senate and that will be voted on by the House will expand coverage to over 30 million uninsured Americans. While it is an imperfect measure, it is a crucial next step in realizing health care for all. It will invest in preventative*

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*care. It will bar insurers from denying coverage based on pre-existing conditions. It will make crucial investments in community health centers that largely serve poor women and children. And despite false claims to the contrary, the Senate bill will not provide taxpayer funding for elective abortions. It will uphold longstanding conscience protections and it will make historic new investments – \$250 million – in support of pregnant women. This is the REAL pro-life stance, and we as Catholics are all for it.*

The death and resurrection of Jesus that we will experience liturgically Good Friday through Easter Day is not an abstract religious proposition. The death and resurrection of Jesus is about a real man, living in a real world, and about the presence of God in the world and in that man. It is about faithfulness and the celebration of that faithfulness. And, it is about the empowering of the people of Jesus to emulate that faithfulness and to live into that celebration, not for the sake of popularity, but for the sake of justice and righteousness.

This Easter, as I journey from the Cross to the Empty Tomb, I will do so feeling privileged to be in the company of such as those nuns who took on power for what they knew as truth and justice. I also feel privileged to be on the journey with you.

Prayers and best wishes for all of you as we welcome the “happy morning” of the Resurrection.

Faithfully,  
*Bill*

## **NEWS ABOUT THE CALL**

As readers of the *CALL* know, we have been trying to cut costs and still remain as effective in our work as possible. So beginning with the May issue of the *CALL*, we will no longer be issuing it by bulk mail. The cost of mailing continues to mount, and the preparation of the *CALL* takes up hours of our lone office staff person’s time. We are not alone amongst parishes taking such action.

**Beginning with the May issue, the *CALL* will be sent out electronically. You will receive it by e-mail. It will also continue to be on the Cathedral’s webpage [www.cathedralsaintjohn.org](http://www.cathedralsaintjohn.org).**

**PLEASE EMAIL CINDY TIMKO to be added to the list. An email link is on our website. Even if you think we have it, please do so anyway. This will ensure that we have a correct address.**

**We will continue to mail the *CALL* to the homebound who do not have access to email.**

**If you are not a shut-in and do not use email, please notify Cindy Timko (302.654.6279). A hard copy will be prepared for you and placed in the Great Hall with your name on it.**

**As all things new, this will take a little getting used to, but it makes for good stewardship. We will continue to use the postal service for occasional mailings.**

## 2010 Diocesan Choir and Acolyte Festival

The Episcopal Diocese of Delaware proudly presents the 2010 Diocesan Choir and Acolyte Festival for Children and Youth ages 9-18 years on Friday evening, April 16 and Saturday, April 17 at the Cathedral Church of Saint John. Bishop Wayne P. Wright will lead the choristers and acolytes as they rededicate themselves to the service of the church. The Festival will conclude with a Choral Evensong on Saturday at 3 p.m. and a reception at 4 p.m. that are free and open to the public.

The Festival Guest Conductor will be James Litton. Mr. Litton is widely regarded as one of America's most prominent choral conductors. A specialist in children's choral techniques and an accomplished organist, Dr. Litton has conducted The American Boychoir in 49 states and 12 nations in more than 2,000 concerts during his 14-year tenure as Music Director. Prior to his appointment at The American Boychoir School, Dr. Litton held positions at Westminster Choir College, Princeton Theological Seminary, Virginia Theological Seminary and The University of the South. A former member of the Episcopal Church's Standing Commission on Church Music, he participated in the preparation and publication of the Episcopal Hymnal, 1982. For 13 years, Dr. Litton was the Organist and Director of Music at St. Bartholomew's Church in New York City, where he now serves as Artistic Consultant.

For more information about the Festival, please contact Dr. Darryl Roland at 302.654.6279, ext. 3

## THRIFT SHOP DONATIONS

*Are you looking for places to donate your unwanted items now that the Next-to-New Shop is closed?*

**Church of the Nativity (Episcopal)** has a thrift shop that is open for business on Thursdays and Fridays 10:00-2:00 p.m. They welcome donations of clothes and assorted household items including lamps, pots and pans, dishes, knick-knacks and books. They will not accept appliances of any kind (no toasters, coffee pots, blenders, etc.). They are located in Manor Park at 206 Sykes Road, New Castle, DE. Please call the shop at (302) 328-3445 for more information.

Charities that support the local Brandywine Village community include: **Wilmington Senior Center** which hosts a monthly flea market in their garage space on Tatnall Street. Please call them at (302) 651-3400 to inquire about dropping off donations. **St. Patrick's Catholic Church** at 14<sup>th</sup> Street between French and King Streets has a clothes closet and may also accept furniture to give away to those in need. Please call (302) 652-6219 first to arrange a donation drop-off. **Hanover Presbyterian Church** also supports the community with clothing. They are located at 1801 N. Jefferson Street (at Baynard Boulevard). Please call them at (302) 658-5114 to learn more.

**THE CHURCH, HOLY  
SCRIPTURE, AND YOU  
An Inquirer's Program  
For Persons Interested in Joining  
the Church  
as well as  
For Persons Interested in  
Refreshing Their Understanding  
of the Christian Story.**

**The Following Wednesdays from  
7:00 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.**

**April 14, 21, 28  
May 5**

**Register by April 8  
Call 302.654.6279 or Sign Up on  
the Sheet on the Table in the  
Great Hall**

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The **Interfaith Resource Center** is a multimedia library serving the spiritual needs of faith communities in the region. It is located at **St. Alban's Episcopal Church** at 913 Wilson Road, Wilmington 19803. Volunteers are needed to staff the center and help with light clerical duties. The center is open Mondays through Thursdays 9-4:00 p.m. Please call Paula Hartzell, Director, at (302) 477-0910 for more information.

**Faith In Action of Northern New Castle County** is also in desperate need of volunteers. Volunteers reach out to the elderly in our community by providing a friendly phone call or a visit or help with transportation to doctor appointments or grocery stores. Please call Christa Winter at 225-1040 to learn more.

### **Letter to Parish Family**

It's been three months since I was ordained a deacon, and I have been pleased in my Call as Chaplain to the Episcopal Campus Ministry (ECM). I had to resign my position as laity on the Standing Commission of Ecumenical and Inter-religious Relations, but was fortunate to be appointed as a clergy member for a three-year appointment. ECM is in a transition period and we are rebuilding. One of my goals is to have all our parishes involved with ECM, as this is a diocesan mission. We have changed our meeting time from 8:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., with dinner made by members of the congregation. St. Nicholas and Good Shepherd have been asked to participate this year. Next year we will invite other parishes to become involved.

We have a number of good programs for this semester. We've visited the Methodist church for Taize during Lent, and have been invited to visit a mosque, by friends who came to our Thanksgiving service and dinner. Bishop Wright is scheduled to visit with ECM in April for his annual visit, and we've invited high school seniors for an evening of "Food, Fun and Fellowship" the following week.

This semester we initiated a yoga program called YOGA YES, taught by the Reverend Will Boatwright. We are hoping to increase our numbers by offering yoga. Will has been a student of yoga for thirty years, and is an excellent teacher. I am pleased to say that the Cathedral donated a number of yoga mats that were no longer being used.

I am in the process of preparing for a memorial service for an employee of the university who died last month. He had worked for UD for 38 years.

I ask for your continued prayers, for the growth of ECM, and for me as I begin my ministry as a deacon in this diocese and chaplain of ECM.

God's Shalom,  
Chaplain Cecily Sawyer-Harmon

### **Youth Group: Before Easter**

In March we talked about the major days in Holy Week leading up to Easter, and we created posters with pictures, symbols and words that represented each day. As needed, we consulted the four gospels to hear the stories of what happened on the days before the most important day of the Christian calendar. (And we learned the meaning of the word "Maundy"....do you know why Holy Thursday is sometimes called "Maundy" Thursday?)

Our next two meetings are **April 25** and **May 16**. All youth in grades 6-12 are welcome to attend Youth Group on these dates.

We meet from **12:00 noon until 1:30 p.m.** in the Common Room. Lunch is served!

**Remember: 2 + 2 !**

That is, bring **\$2** to help pay for lunch AND **2 cans** to help stock the food pantry for people in the community.

Youth Group is a chance to have some **fun** while learning about your **faith** and

hanging out with some **friends** (and eat lunch and share **food** with the community, too).

**Questions? Call Laura Eisenman at 302-683-1829.**

### **APRIL ANNIVERSARIES**

Rick Harvey & Bernadette	
Holcomb-Harvey	4/7
Jeff Brzezicki and Lee Lucas	4/16
Al and Edie Grunfeld	4/23
Allen and Ruth Muller	4/27

### **APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

Anne Kauffman	4/1
Sarah Kelso	4/2
Sandy Streevy	4/4
Bill Frampton	4/5
John Donaldson	4/8
Veronica Badagliacco	4/9
Odette Hartenauer	4/10
Erik Skinner	4/11
Betty Lewis	4/12
Lillian Walker	4/12
Sei-Charles Boayue	4/13
Richard Layton	4/15
Fran Weber	4/15
Joan Bobnick	4/17
Lori Muller	4/17
Trudy Cook	4/18
Cynthia Cumberbatch	4/19
Porsha Harvey	4/20
Terry Walbert	4/23
Mary Bock Jung	4/24
Alice Coleman	4/25
Ned Stinson	4/27
Claire Wadman	4/27
Jean Wadman	4/27

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<b>April 2010</b>						
				<b>1 MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> 8:00-9:00 am Neighborhood Assistance at the Cathedral <b>12 pm Service in Saint Mary's Chapel</b> <b>7:00 pm Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar</b>	<b>2 GOOD FRIDAY</b>  <b>12:00 pm Good Friday Litany</b>  <b>Office CLOSED</b>	<b>3 EASTER VIGIL</b>  <b>7:00 pm Vigil followed by reception</b>  8:00 pm AA GH
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