



PARACLETIAN PRESENCE

The Order of the Community of the Paraclete Newsletter

April 2015

Our move to St. Dunstan's Shoreline

Order of the Community of the Paraclete Our presence at St. Dunstan's has grown, due to the fact that we were welcomed and loved by this Congregation. There are now four of us, Br. John Ryan, Br. Richard Buhner (Deacon), Rev. Anna Maria Karothu, Associate, and Fr. David Marshall a Companion of the Order. During the Summer of 2014 the family of St. Dunstan's welcomed us with open arms, and helped us move from George Community Center in Seattle to room 9 on the lower level. St. Dunstan's was looking for a chapel / prayer place, we had all of the furnishings of our chapel in storage, the Community gave them to St. Dunstan's so you now have a place to get away for prayer and silent time. This space is also used for small group meetings. Our goals at St. Dunstan's for this coming year are to continue in the liturgical and pastoral service we bring, as well as to help enrich the spiritual growth of the congregation. John will continue to work in pastoral care and offer his services in bereavement counseling, as well as being a listening presence for those who need to express issues. Richard will continue his role as Deacon offering educational and liturgical services to the congregation as a member of the clergy with Fr. David, who is our Rector. Anna Maria will contribute by participating in St. Agnes Guild. On September 7, 2014 the Community participated in the Ministry program on Ingathering Sunday, by having a table, staffed by Sr. Susanne Chambers who answered questions about our Community. We plan on participating again in 2015. We gather at St. Dunstan's on the third Friday of every month, starting at 5:30 p.m. for prayer, study, fellowship, and a community pot luck. All of St. Dunstan's family are welcome to "come and see" .

Br. John Ryan OCP

"We honor the Paraclete, the Holy Spirit, by preparing ourselves to strengthen and comfort others and by welcoming the Spirit's guiding presence within us as the mind of Christ."

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Our new Chapel at St. Dunstans

Dear Paracletians,

This is a preliminary email about the Chapter. The Hotel we are set up in is the Oxford Inn, (the place we normally stay), just down the road from St. Michael's. The following is a brief outline how it will be scheduled:

June 17th: arrival check into the hotel, Meet with other Community members - go to supper.

June 18th: day of recollection, Holy Eucharist, First Vows, Community Renewal of Profession, Reception of Novice, Reception of Friend (Yakima Chapter). Also this day will be spent in Community silent time together, meditation. Members will have the opportunity for visits with Bishop Visitor in the afternoon or as Bp. Nedi agrees to with individuals.

June 19th: Meeting of Chapter of Pentecost 2015 (agenda will follow after I get the input from Professed members).

June 20th: After breakfast and Morning Prayer, depart for home that will get us all home for the First Day of Summer and Father's Day! (Pentecost Sunday this year is May 24th - so we all will be in our home parish for the Celebration).

In regard to the hotel: The reservation is under the name: Community of the Paraclete; they DO NOT TAKE CASH, use a credit card; ten rooms are being held for us, breakfast is included; the person who has arranged this for us is from their sales department - her name is Sari Bender.

To make your reservation call 509-457-9000, give the dates (June 17, 18,19) and the Name of the Community.

I will have a room held for Bp. Nedi on my bill. This is my financial contribution to the Chapter, food and meals will have to be picked up by other members of the Community. The GOOD NEWS IS: The room rate per night is \$84 for double and 82 for single Queen bed !! (taxes are additional). That is a very good rate!

Transportation to Yakima - you will have to arrange it for yourself, or contact Br. Douglas about pooling with others from Seattle.

CHAPTER BUSINESS

If you wish to make changes to our Community Documents (e.g. Constitution, Sexual misconduct etc.) your deadline to have your petitions to the Chapter is April 30th - I must have them by that date, if I don't they will not be included in the Chapter Packet.

To suggest change to the Chapter - send me the legislation you want to change or modify, giving me the text as it stands, under it give me the text as you suggest change.

if this is new legislation identify it it as such, and reference the place in our Documents it would be inserted.

Changes that are enacted will be pro-tem until the Chapter of 2018 when the revised Documents will be voted in by that Chapter and they have been reviewed at Annual Meetings in the interim years of 2016, 2017. Any suggestions?

your brother - John Ryan, O.C.P., Minister



Spirit in Life Chapter, Yakima. WA.

The Guardian, Sr. Barrie Gyllenswan received 4 new Companions and 4 new Friends. One of the Friends is now an Associate, and is scheduled to be noviced at Chapter 2015. Fr. Ernie Harrelson and his wife Dottie have been long time supporters (since 2001) of this Chapter of the Order, and provided Pastoral oversight for the community. A plaque expressing our gratitude for their love and support was presented by Br. Timothy Nelson on January 25th 2015 on their last Sunday at St. Michael's in Yakima. Several other Companions, Associates and Friends were in attendance as well. These two Companions of the Order will be greatly missed, we send them off into retirement with our prayers.



Ministry resource day at St Dunstons

Br. Douglas



Commuting between Seattle and Concord Ca taking care of his elderly father.

Br. Marvin



Recipient of the Mark Gralia Award "Parishioner of the Year" And

Mary Willy Award for "Dedication and Devotion" From Trinity Parish Seattle WA



History link photo by Walt Crowley

On February 1, 2015 we did a visit to Trinity Parish, Seattle, WA.

The Rector, Fr. Jeffrey Gill invited the Paracletians through our Brother Marvin, who is a longtime member of Trinity. After the 10:30 Sunday Eucharist there was a table set up in the parish hall, where Br. Douglas Campbell, Sr. Susanne Chambers and Br. John Ryan answered questions about our life.

We brought handouts for people to take home and read, and had an enjoyable morning with the people of Trinity. There are 10 committed people to a varied forms of Religious Life who are members of Trinity, they are: an Anchorite of the Diocese of Olympia; Order of the Ascension; Order of the Community of the Paraclete; Oblates of two Benedictine communities, and Associates of Holy Cross and the Community of the Transfiguration.

In 2015 we are going to do more visitations in the Diocese to help people understand the role Religious Life plays in the Episcopal Church.



Priory changes and moves

Community of the Paraclete - St. Stephen's Priory disbanded

The Summer of 2014 we moved from the George Center in Seattle to St. Dunstan's Parish, Shoreline Washington. The clergy, congregation, and vestry welcomed us with loving open arms, and even helped us truck our things to the parish. We were given a room on the lower level of the building for a chapel, so the years of our chapel fixtures being in storage came to an end, we now have a very fine place to call home. There are two Paracletians in active ministry at St. Dunstan's, Br. John Ryan and Deacon Richard Buhner. In addition Rev. Anna Maria, Paracletian Associate, is a member of the parish.

At Annual Meeting 2014 the Rector of St. Dunstan's, Fr. David Marshall was made a Companion of the Order. Fr. Marshall has been a great support to life of the Community of St. Stephen's Priory. Our new mailing address is: 722 N. 145th Street, Shoreline, WA 98133.

Fr, David Marshall, Paracletian Companion 's called a story for writing your content in a personal tone, in the same way you might talk to someone sitting across from you at a restaurant.



Fr. David Marshall becomes Companion

Contact Us

Give us a call for more information about our services.

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