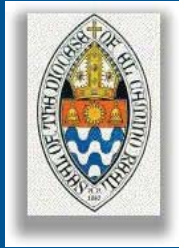


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**Twenty-Ninth Annual Meeting of Diocesan Convention This Month**

The Twenty-ninth Annual Meeting of Convention runs from October 23 to October 24 at Sherwood Hall in Salinas. Opening Eucharist is at 1 pm with the Rt. Rev. Shannon Mallory, the first bishop of the Diocese of El Camino Real, attending.

Resolutions being considered at this convention include:

- #1 – Inclusion of the Rev. Peter Williams and Annie Basset Cassey on the Church calendar
- #2 – Minimum compensation for full-time parochial clergy

Full details of these resolutions as well as the proposed changes to the Canons, a parliamentary procedure guide, and a copy of the budget to be approved can be found at <http://www.edecr.org/dc2009/>

Nominations may also be made from the floor of Convention. Nominations for this year include:

BOARD OF TRUSTEES : Monterey Deanery  
Elect 1 Clergy (3-year term, 2009-2012)  
The Rev. James Ezell -- St. Paul's, Salinas  
(elected by Monterey Deanery on August 22, 2009)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES : At Large  
Elect 3 (3-year terms, 2009-2012)  
Mr. George Lockwood – St. Dunstan's, Carmel Valley  
Ms. Mattie Scott – All Saints', Palo Alto

STANDING COMMITTEE – Clergy : Elect 1 (4-year term, 2009-2013)  
The Rev. Richard Leslie – St. Mary's, Pacific Grove  
The Rev. Lamont Wiltsee – St. Mark's, King City

STANDING COMMITTEE – Lay : Elect 1 (4-year term, 2009-2013)  
Mr. Robert Misson – St. Stephen's, San Luis Obispo  
Ms. Pat Williams – A communicant in the Diocese of El Camino Real

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY – Clergy : Elect 1 (4-year term, 2009-2013)  
The Rev. Fred Heard – St. Paul's, Cambria  
The Rev. Wendy Howe – Non-parochial

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY – Lay : Elect 1 (4-year term, 2009-2013)  
Elect 1 (2-year term, 2009-2011)  
Elect 1 (1-year term, 2009-2010)  
Mr. Howard Nelson – St. Andrew's, Saratoga  
Ms. Joanna Shreve – St. Timothy's, Mountain View

ECCLESIASTICAL TRIAL COURT – Clergy : Elect 2 (3-year terms, 2009-2012)  
The Rev. Jerry Drino – Trinity Cathedral, San Jose  
The Rev. Kenneth Wratten – St. Stephen's, San Jose

ECCLESIASTICAL TRIAL COURT – Lay : Elect 1 (3-year term, 2009-2012)  
Ms. Jan Martin – St. Stephen's, San Jose

DIOCESAN REVIEW COMMITTEE – Clergy : Elect 1 (3-year term, 2009-2012)  
The Rev. Wendy Smith – St. Thomas', Sunnyvale

SECRETARY OF CONVENTION : Elect 1 (1-year term)  
The Rev. Maly Adams Hughes – St. Timothy's, Mountain View

TREASURER : Elect 1 (1-year term)  
Ms. Joanna Shreve – St. Timothy's, Mountain View



**Visitation Recap**

We recently enjoyed a wonderful visitation from our two companion dioceses. Two articles were written about this visit.

One is by Mr. Timothy Roberts, writing for The Living Church. You can read that article at <http://www.livingchurch.org/news/news-updates/2009/9/21/trio-of-bishops-seek-to-strengthen-communion-ties>

Ms. Pat McCaughan wrote an article for Episcopal News Service and the link for that article is [http://www.episcopal-life.org/81803\\_115051\\_ENG\\_HTM.htm](http://www.episcopal-life.org/81803_115051_ENG_HTM.htm)

In case you missed it, you can read daily reports of that visit at <http://www.edecr.org/companion/companionupdates.htm>

There is a photo gallery posted at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/40538084@N03/?saved=1>  
More photos, taken by Mr. Timothy Roberts, can be found in 4 photo galleries at <http://www.trinitysj.org/who/photo.html>



*"It is so simple and so quiet that we gather round and make small bows and look at all the others present. Gradually the celebration works on us."*

*Mass II, Elizabeth Jennings*

The intriguing part for me in this partnership between El Camino Real, Gloucester, and Western Tanganyika has always been that, while we sought greater understanding of one another and wanted to do mission between dioceses, we bishops became clear early on that changing each

other was not only unrealistic, but also missing the deeper point. It was with this in mind that we have now had three amazing visits to one another's diocese, the final one occurring just a couple of weeks ago here in El Camino Real.

If you were part of the visit in anyway, you will perhaps have had the extraordinary experience of opening oneself to the mysterious wonder of a new relationship. As Christians, as Anglicans, we gathered round with some sense of knowing and yet steadily moved toward one another simply for the sake of loving our partners as God loves them: without an agenda of change or a need to manipulate some product from the encounter. Gathering round, allowing the "celebration to work on us," brought us into a deeper knowing of Christ and ourselves as his body. The bonds of affection, as we commonly say in the Anglican Communion, are stronger for our time together.

The outpouring of hospitality and welcome we extended to our guests overwhelmed our partners, (and certainly me): five team members from each partner diocese. You can read more detail on the website about each day's visit, but to share something of the hospitality of our gathering, some 70 people greeted our new friends at the airport. It continued from there with gracious hosts who gave us comfortable places to sleep and rest throughout the week, lovingly and wonderfully prepared meals in well-kept churches and homes, and members of our diocese at every turn welcoming and eager to engage this new relationship. The program for the week was as comprehensive as it could be in sharing life and ministry here in El Camino Real, offering an opportunity for our partners to critique, praise, question, and engage the context in which we live and the work we do here in Christ's name. I know I speak for at least the team who had the pleasure of spending all week with our partners, we learned amazing things about ourselves and pondered new insights about ministry here. Perhaps to a lesser extent, it happened for those who were able to be part of only occasional events but, for those gathered round all week with our partners, allowing the celebration of life in Christ to work on us was a life-changing experience. Thank you to our teams and to the hundreds of people who served and participated in our special week!

There were tangible blessings expressed during our week together - and there are many more to come. We had great crowds at our public gatherings, prayerful and reflective Bible studies, and we worked on ministry together. Mission seeds were planted and are sprouting. Peggy Bryant and Nancy Atkinson leave October 8 for their solar cooking pots mission trip to the Diocese of Western Tanganyika. They will meet Robin Denney there, and together they will teach 50 women to cook with the sun's energy, lessening the need for hours of daily firewood collecting and the dangerous fires that burn inside huts. \$5,495 was raised for school tuitions for the poorest children of Western Tanganyika and a goal of providing 550 tuitions has been set by a group of our members who have started The Committee on Scholarships for the Diocese of Western Tanganyika. More information on this project may be found at <http://www.edecr.org/companion/>. Contributions for bicycles, cooking pots, and sewing machines have totaled nearly \$4,000 over the past six months. Several of us funded tuition for Eldah Katoto's first year of a Bachelor of Divinity - we hope she will be the first female ordained in Western Tanganyika. Our ability to financially and spiritually engage with Western Tanganyika has encouraged their ministry development to reach the poorest of their diocese and we are happily and effectively working together for something so important to Jesus' service to those who have so little - offered by those who have so much.

If you kept up with the daily entries on the website, you will know that Sadiki died, a child with whom I had a momentary encounter in Tanzania, but who had a profound effect on me (I did lots of writing on this meeting during Holy Week), and now so many others. Canon Linda Taylor noted upon hearing the news, "a wounded child touched the heart of a woundable woman, and their circles of influence were never the same." This is a great line for us all to remember the truth that it just takes a few seconds for the Holy Spirit

to transform your life and to begin a movement of radical change. Sadiki ultimately died of poverty. He was treated for epilepsy, but the combination of medication and inadequate nutrition was too much for his body. Although stronger and better for a while, he, nor the conditions of his life, could sustain wellness. Having been one of the catalysts for getting him medicine, I feel conflicted about ever having done so. Perhaps he would have lived had we just left him alone. Maybe it would have been better that way. If I were his mother, I am not sure how I would feel about these bishops who happened along the road that day. We served with the best of intentions and, yet, in service, in mission, there is so much to learn. Sometimes through something that might even have been a mistake. +Gerard visited Sadiki's family last week sharing our condolences and prayers. They live in a mud hut, have no furniture, sleep on the dirt ground, have inadequate food, and little money. Sadiki's death was systemic, to be sure. But, just as poverty is systemic, so is the body of Christ, and our response needs to be one that reflects that "celebration has worked on us." We need not to become overcome by death, for we are a resurrection people, beckoned to continue in this movement of radical change begun by the Holy Spirit that day on the road in Tanzania.

Sadiki and his family were illiterate. It always troubled me that as we made plans for Sadiki and his siblings to go to school, his parents would remain without the precious resource of literacy. Illiteracy, like poverty, is systemic, and to equip some and not others in a family, while seeming progress, also creates inequity within the family. Within 24 hours after hearing of Sadiki's death, Bishops Michael, Gerard and I were in conversation about creating the Sadiki Family Literacy Center. This has quickly evolved into the 2011 mission project that we hoped to discern during the partner's time here. This would include resources from all three dioceses funding a modest building, discovering resources for local teaching of family literacy, and a computer lab and teaching tools. A mission trip might involve finishing construction, the installation of a computer lab, and working with local teachers. There is much planning to be done however, the vision seems to be at hand. Peggy Bryant will be scouting out the potential for this project with Bishop Gerard while in Tanzania, and Bishop Michael has begun conversations with a UK publisher about possible literacy resources. Our first donation to the project was gifted by Holly Kasten of St. Paul's, Salinas. Holly, age 10, presented to Bishop Gerard a check for \$100.00 at the clergy day during the partnership visit, to be given to help with Sadiki's healthcare (of course before knowing of his death). An epileptic herself, Holly saved her allowance these past months to give to Sadiki, "so that he would feel less lonely during the seizures." After being told of Sadiki's death, she offered her savings as the first donation to the Sadiki Family Literacy Center.

There will be lots more to share as this vision moves toward reality and I know that by convention I will have more information about how we can move forward together in the Spirit's plan for the mission of our partnership. Meanwhile, continue to enjoy the reflection on our wonderful week with our partners and to pray for us all:

*Holy God, source of healing and peace, bless with your grace, the companion dioceses of El Camino Real, Gloucester and Western Tanganyika. Through our partnership one with another may we grow in mutual affection and communion, seek a more profound experience of truth, build up the Church in unity and give glory to Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.*



### Clergy House Exchange

I am an Anglican priest in Norfolk, England, hoping to do a house/Sunday duty swap with an Episcopal priest and family in the Watsonville area of California, in the spring or summer of next year. I have an aunt living in Aptos we hope to visit, and here we live in a Georgian rectory that someone might enjoy for a holiday.

I would like to stay in a 100 mile radius of Monterey bay. Please contact the Rev. Rod Key at [keytrunch@btinternet.com](mailto:keytrunch@btinternet.com)

## A Letter to the Diocese from a Student in Kenya

*This letter is from Eldah, the woman seminary student we are supporting from Western Tanganyika. She is potentially the first woman to move toward ordination in that diocese - providing a lot of other things happen - like they approve ordination for women!*

To the Rt. Rev. Bishop Mary and entire Christians of the Diocese of El Camino Real. Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I thank God for this grace which has been sufficient to me this far. Furthermore, I thank Him for His great love which has brought together your Diocese and I. May His name be praised.

I wish to take this opportunity to pass my gratitude to you and your Diocese for your financial support towards my Bachelor of Divinity degree program at St. Paul's University, Limuru, Kenya. May our God bless you richly.

I have already started my studies and am enjoying. The units am undertaking in this semester are: Introduction to New Testament, Church growth, General Church, Introduction to Religious Studies, Psychology, English, and Study Skills.

Lectures start at 8.00 am then end at 4.00 pm. Course work in every unit accounts to 30% while exam accounts 70%. However, there times when lecturers give us continuous assessment tests (CAT). At moment, I have done seven assignments and by the end of this month I will be doing three CATS. So pray for me please.

The University's academics year is divided into three semesters - ie August-December, January-May and May-August (optional). Duration of my BD program is four years - ie, eight semesters. However, I have decided to attend summer semesters (Third semester - ie, May-August) which will enable me to complete my BD program for three years.

Some of the challenges that I am encountering here at St. Paul's are: lack of sufficient computers - ie, the University has only 15 computers that are used by 1000 students. Having my own laptop computer will enable me finish my assignments on time. Please pray for this. Secondly, the University has not enough rooms for students. Although I paid the fee for a single room, I however live with other two students in the same room. Hence, there is a lot of noise and lack of privacy. For this reason, I plan to stay outside the University campus. Most students stay outside the University campus. To improve my spoken English I have decided to enroll in English class and I pay fee from my own pocket money.

Once again, I wish to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to God and to you as well for offering me this study opportunity. Thank you too for your always encouragement. I promise to give you updates relating to my academic progress.

I will send my pictures via this email as an attachment as soon as possible. May the peace of the Lord be with you always. My prayer is that you will not get tired to do good since your labor in the Lord is not in vain (I Cor.15:58).

Yours faithfully,  
Eldah Katoto.



The library at St. Paul's University near Nairobi, Kenya

## "Not Angels But Anglicans"

I spoke with each of the bishops at least briefly, to mention the prison ministry and to give them pins representing the jail and prison task. Daniel, +Gerard's dean, and all the Tanzanian women and men covered me with blessings, as I did them, but I sensed they have not focused in their province on this facet of life.

John, the English dean, had heard of our wonderful California prison system and its huge haul of prisoners, and said archly that this surely means we have fewer criminals about. We enjoyed a good laugh and +Michael described one problem as he saw it--that in his territory, at least, the potential for trouble comes when the chaplain (let us say) begins to feel unattached to the diocese and begins to drift. I assured him that we, in the diaconate, are each anchored purposefully to a parish, just with that and other things in mind. I am sure we are all careful to stay attached to our parishes and bishops--aren't we?

I decided I would like all of them, back in April when Mary returned from Tanzania and showed us slides and talked. Going about together does make us like each other! I am glad +Gerard had a whole hour at the clergy day, for the more he talked, the more I liked him; I had been uneasy with the early part of his Muslim references, but I was easier when I gradually saw that all of them were friends not enemies. Yes, I am glad we heard all those people. By the way, to the extent he described it in his diocese, didn't +Michael show he "gets it" about the English deacons! I'm often looking at the ways this Order translates and wonder if we might hear or read some more from him about this.

Submitted by The Rev. Cynthia Montague, Chaplain  
Monterey County Jail



### Healing Service

At

**Holy Spirit Episcopal Church**

**65 W. Rincon Avenue**

**Campbell, CA 95008**

**7:00 pm – 9:00 pm**

**October 20, 2009**

**Our service will include**

**The Holy Eucharist**

**Guided Healing Meditation**

**and**

**an Invitation to Come Forward**

**for Healing Prayer.**

***'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.'* Matthew 11:28**

The Rev. Michael Ferrito, Vicar and OSL Chaplain  
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[www.holyspiritcampbell.org](http://www.holyspiritcampbell.org)  
408-374-4440



We have had several articles about the work the congregation of St. John the Baptist, Aptos, has done to incorporate their neighborhood. We have seen pictures of the ground breaking.

Now you can see the pictures of this beautiful new church. Go to [http://www.form4inc.com/www.form4inc.com/St\\_Johns\\_7.html](http://www.form4inc.com/www.form4inc.com/St_Johns_7.html) and [http://www.form4inc.com/www.form4inc.com/St\\_Johns.html](http://www.form4inc.com/www.form4inc.com/St_Johns.html) to see photos of the interior as well as photos of the grounds.



### Remembering the Dead on All Souls' Eve: The 1893 Version of Fauré Requiem

At 5:30 pm on November 1, All Saints' Episcopal Church in Carmel is celebrating a Commemoration of the Faithful Departed mass featuring the Fauré Requiem.

The All Saints' Choir and Evensong Choir, soloists, and a small chamber ensemble will perform the individual movements as Fauré originally intended, at their appropriate places in the liturgy.

The work was first performed in 1888 for a funeral at the church of the Madeleine in Paris, where Fauré served as choirmaster and organist. It was used for similar occasions in the following years. Fauré's musical settings for the mass for the dead might have remained unknown outside Parisian church circles if his publisher hadn't suggested in 1899 that he publish his *Requiem* in an expanded version for full orchestra and chorus, making it suitable for public concerts and festivals. The symphonic version is the one we have known and loved since its introduction in 1900. The intimate chamber settings of 1888 and 1893 were forgotten until their rediscovery and publication in the 1980s.

The All Saints' performance on November 1 will use the Rutter edition of Fauré's early settings for liturgical use, and employ the instruments Fauré indicated in an 1893 revision: violas, cellos, string bass, harp, French horns, and organ. The service will be followed by a service in Seccombe Hall.

*Submitted by Ms. Jean Widaman*

Since 2006, Macy's "Shop For A Cause" event has partnered with non-profit organizations nationwide to raise more than \$28 million for their ongoing charitable efforts. This is your chance to be part of this monumental event on Saturday, October 17, 2009.

"Shop For A Cause" gives you the opportunity to help Santa Maria Urban Ministry by purchasing a \$5 Shopping Pass\* for exclusive savings and special offers in every Macy's store on Saturday, October 17. As a participating charity we keep 100% of the proceeds from the sale of each pass plus, you can enter to win a \$500 Macy's Gift Card!

Come together with Macy's and SMUM, and while you're out enjoy a day of shopping and great savings: you'll be helping our community at the same time.

\*Some exclusions apply. For more information or to order a shopping pass, call Edy Unthank at 408-227-3424 or [edyunthank@yahoo.com](mailto:edyunthank@yahoo.com)

### Appeal for Political Action

Sudan is steadily moving towards the renewal of the civil war which has consumed that country for over fifty years. The Church in the Sudan stands as the largest civil institution advocating peace and reconciliation. What is at stake are the lives of the Christian majority in the south with five million Episcopalians, seven million Roman Catholics and a half million Presbyterians, Lutherans, Methodists and Pentecostals who make up 90% of the population. If the civil war were to break out it is highly unlikely that the international community would commit to the interventions that we see in the Near East.

Therefore, the people and the Church would be alone as they have been through so much of the last five decades where four million lost their lives. Since January, the increased attacks orchestrated by the Khartoum Government have claimed two thousand lives and displaced over a quarter of a million people from their home villages.

We need your help by contacting your members of Congress to take specific actions:

1. Request that your member of Congress send a letter to Secretary of State Hilary Clinton regarding diplomacy with Sudan
2. As the member of Congress to support increased funding to support election monitoring and civic education
3. Request that Special Envoy Gration meet with Archbishop Daniel Deng Bul and other Church leaders for an assessment of the current state of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA)
4. Request the member of Congress to join the Sudan Caucus which is being renewed in the House

Supporting materials are at <http://hopewithsudan.org>, including

1. An expansion of the four requests for support and action
2. Suggestions on how to undertake a successful meeting with a member of Congress or their staff
3. Advocacy Positions for Advancing Peace in Sudan
4. Sample letter that the member of Congress could send to Secretary Clinton
5. News reports and briefings on the Sudan
6. An appeal by the Archbishop of Sudan.

Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren has already replied to the Rev. Jerry Drino, pledging support.

*Submitted by the Rev. Jerry Drino*

## The flu pandemic – should we dip or should we sip?

*Christine Hickton a medical laboratory scientist and assistant laboratory manager at Hawke's Bay Hospital, New Zealand, helps us decide.*

Before we worry too much about the way in which we receive communion it might be helpful to understand a bit more about this “new flu” that is currently much in the news.

The flu known as H1N1 or swine flu is not a completely “new” disease. What is commonly known as the “seasonal” influenza, which does the rounds in New Zealand at this time every year, can be a hotch-potch of different flu viruses. The novel strain of the virus that has appeared this year, and is being referred to as H1N1 or Swine Flu, is slightly different from the usual strains of flu we get every year. Because of this, it is expected that many more people than normal will be affected because we have not met this particular variety of the virus before.

As has happened in previous flu epidemics, it is expected that this new strain will affect mainly younger people because, those of us who have been around longer, will have come in contact with a number of different strains of flu during the course of our lifetime. So we will have built up a degree of immunity to the group of viruses as a whole.

Current clinical information available on this new strain suggests that at the moment this particular virus causes a mild form of flu, and at the time of writing, the death rate associated with this strain is about half the death rate experienced every year with normal seasonal flu.

The media are reporting the numbers of patients with this novel H1N1 strain seriously ill in intensive care units around the country, with the first deaths now occurring. What is not usually reported is the numbers hospitalised and in intensive care every year with the seasonal flu. So there is little sense of perspective around this current illness. Again, there has been a lot of comment in the media comparing this pandemic with the influenza pandemic of 1917-1918 that swept the world immediately after the First World War.

It is important to remember that the medical world has advanced quite a lot in 90 years! For instance, antibiotics were not used in clinical medicine until 1941, not that antibiotics are effective against the flu virus, but pneumonia following on from the viral infection is not uncommon and may cause increased morbidity if not mortality.

While the spread of this current disease is looking similar to that of 1918, it does not mean that the disease severity and the high death rate seen at that time will be repeated; it would take the current strain to mutate or change significantly for that to happen.

The information coming out from health professionals recommends that if suffering from a flu-like illness we should isolate ourselves. That does not just mean that we should stay away from work or from school, but that we should avoid contact with anyone outside the members of our own household or family. That includes staying away from the supermarket, sporting, or other social functions, and staying away from church.

So how do we keep ourselves and our church communities safe from flu in the weeks and months to come? This question is much wider than the question of dipping or sipping. You may only feel a little off colour but the elderly, the young and those with existing chronic medical problems are the ones always hit hard over the winter months by all forms of flu. So, first of all, stay away from church. Most people will only be unwell for a week at most. One week away from church will not harm you; attending church while you are unwell might well harm others.

We all remember our mothers repeatedly telling us to wash our hands. There was wisdom in that advice; our hands make contact with innumerable surfaces every day and, therefore, are potentially covered in bacteria and viruses from many different sources. In other words – our hands are dirty! So should we dip? No we should not. While you may be careful that your fingers do not touch the wine, if you receive the bread in an out-stretched hand it sits there in your “dirty” palm until you hold it in your fingers and dip it into the wine. While we may use high alcohol wine, this practice of intincturing is potentially unsafe. Sipping from a clean metal, not wooden or ceramic, chalice is actually much safer. There is no documented case of any disease being spread though the use of a common cup. If it were possible to pass diseases on in this way, the priest, who drains the cup every Sunday is the most exposed, and most likely to be continually infected with the bug of the moment.

We do need to be careful with general hygiene; the chalice should be well washed in hot water with detergent before and after use. Dry it with a clean cloth, not the nearest one hanging on the towel rail which may have been used by someone to dry their hands. The chalice assistant should be careful to wipe both the inside as well as the outside edge of the cup before moving on to the next person.

If you are nursing sick family members, or are concerned that you may be carrying the flu virus, it is perfectly valid to just receive the bread. The

important thing is to keep a sense of perspective around the flu epidemic. Yes it is possible that many of us and the people we know will become ill, but most will recover within a few days. We do need to remember that there are vulnerable people amongst us and take what precautions we can to protect them.



### A note from Bishop Mary

With all this talk – and the reality - of swine flu, warnings and advice have been issued through The Episcopal Church and through the Center for Disease Control (see links below) regarding communion and the use of touch in worship. First of all, if you are sick, do not come to church! We will pray for you – from a distance – Jesus is eternal and can be in more than one place at a time! Kidding aside, the combination of metal and alcohol is a pretty effective germ killer, with sipping a less dangerous option than intinction. Fingers are effective germ-bearers. The CDC is in fact most concerned about the passing of the peace and the shaking of hands. This becomes difficult for us Episcopalians since we love liturgical action but, in these days of contagion, perhaps the passing of the peace with our eyes might be a new liturgical action with which to experiment. We have all had the experience of sharing a look of peacefulness, deep love and grace with one another. We might stumble on our words in describing that experience but, in fact, in church as Christians, that is often what we do. What would it be like to share the peace with an intentional look in your eyes expressing from the depth of your soul, God’s abiding peace that dwells within you? No touching, no hugging, just the sharing of a profound visual gesture. In these days of dreaded flu, possibilities abound!

**For more information on flu prevention, check out the following sites:**

#### Flu prevention tips

[http://www.diocesenyo.org/system/doc/file\\_name/production/423/swine\\_flu\\_pew\\_sheet.pdf](http://www.diocesenyo.org/system/doc/file_name/production/423/swine_flu_pew_sheet.pdf)

#### Episcopal Relief and Development information

[http://www.diocesenyo.org/system/doc/file\\_name/production/423/swine\\_flu\\_pew\\_sheet.pdf](http://www.diocesenyo.org/system/doc/file_name/production/423/swine_flu_pew_sheet.pdf)

#### Center for Disease Control

<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/>

#### Resource page prepared by the Diocese of Southern Ohio

[http://www.diosohio.org/digital\\_faith/dfcfiles/457](http://www.diosohio.org/digital_faith/dfcfiles/457)

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History and news about our mission congregations, old and new.

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History and news about our parishes, large and small.

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Information about the various active organizations in our Diocese such as the Order of St. Luke, Daughters of the King, the Order of St. Francis, the Brotherhood of St. Matthew's, and more.

### Renewal Groups

Information about Via Media, Alpha, Cursillo, 40 Days of Purpose and others.

### Comings and Goings

### Prayer Requests

### Calendar of Events

### Reports from Diocesan Committees

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## October Calendar

8 ECW Board Meeting  
Seaside, 9:30 - 12:30

9 Youth Big Sur Campout  
Oct 8 - 11 All Saints Campground  
Visitation, St. Jude's, Cupertino  
Safeguarding God's Children  
Oct 23 -24 10:30am Registration  
Eucharist 1pm  
Sherwood Hall, Salinas  
Committee on Vitality and Growth

31 10am, Gilroy or Marina



## November Calendar

1 Visitation, St. Edward's, San Jose

8 Visitation, St. Philip's, San Jose

22 Visitation, St. James', Monterey

28 Committee on Vitality and Growth  
10am, Gilroy or Marina

## Got the Travel Bug? Two Exciting Opportunities to Travel with Friends and Visit New Places!



The proposed pilgrimage to Gloucester and Canterbury in 2010 will depart California on Friday, July 23, and arrive in England on Saturday, July 24.

From July 24 to 29 we will make Gloucester our base of operations, having opportunities to explore significant religious and spiritual sites in that part of England as well as meet with the people of our companion Diocese of Gloucester.

On Thursday, July 29, we will travel from Gloucester to Canterbury, stopping in Winchester to visit the Cathedral and have lunch. We will be in Canterbury, staying at the International Study Center, from July 29 until Tuesday, August 3, when we will return to the U.S.

Details of the pilgrimage, including the price, are still being negotiated and should be finalized in the next month or so. The objective is to have comfortable but not luxurious accommodations, keeping the price as reasonable as possible. The ISC at Canterbury certainly falls in this category; we are still searching out similar accommodations in Gloucester.

If you would like to receive updates about the pilgrimage or know of others who might be interested, please send an email to Ms. Barbara Creed at bcreed@truckerhuss.com

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