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## New Bishops Consecrated in Tulsa

Two new Suffragan Bishops were consecrated in the Anglican Province of Christ the King on Saint Matthew's Day, September 21, 2017, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, at All Saints Cathedral. Canon Peter F. Hansen and Canon Blair W. Schultz were consecrated Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of the Western States and Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of the Atlantic States respectively.



*From Left: The Rt. Rev. Blair W. Schultz, The Most Reverend Frederick G. Morrison, and The Rt. Rev. Peter F. Hansen*

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Bishop Hansen will continue to serve as Rector, St. Augustine of Canterbury Anglican Church, Chico, California, where he has served since 1991. Bishop Hansen will serve in the capacity of Suffragan Bishop under the Rt. Rev. Donald Ashman, Diocesan Ordinary of the Diocese of the Western States. Bishop Hansen is also the Treasurer of the Diocese of the Western States and of the Anglican Province of Christ the King.

Bishop Schultz will continue to serve as Rector, All Saints Anglican Church, Bolingbrook, Illinois. Bishop Schultz will serve as Bishop Suffragan under the Rt. Rev. John Upham, Diocesan Ordinary of the Diocese of the Atlantic States

A suffragan bishop is an assisting bishop who does not automatically succeed a diocesan bishop as a bishop coadjutor usually does. And a Suffragan Bishop does not have the jurisdictional symbols of a Bishop Ordinary, such as the Bishop's staff. The bishops who consecrate a new bishop are the consecrators and form an unbroken line of succession back to the Apostles in apostolic succession. ✠



*Front row, from left: Bishop Hansen, Archbishop Morrison (Chief Consecrator), and Bishop Blair Schultz  
Back row: Consecrators Bishop Frank Brulc (DSWS), Bishop Donald Ashman (DWS), and Bishop John Upham (DAS)*



# Michael Ruffino Admitted to the Order of Deacons



The Deacon-designate enters behind Fr. David Napier who will preach the sermon.



The Deacon-designate is examined



The Deacon-designate is anointed



Deacon Ruffino reads the Gospel



Bp. Donald Ashman and Deacon Ruffino



Deacon Ruffino and his wife Susan

The Rev. Mr. Michael Ruffino holds BS degrees in Christian Leadership and Church Management and in Biblical Theology. He was in the US Navy for twenty years and retired with many awards as an Electronic Warfare Technician Petty Officer First Class with both Surface Warfare and Submarine Service designations. A long-time member of the APCK, Michael and Susan were married in 1998 at St. Martin of Tours. He has had a ministry to prisoners at Vacaville Correctional Medical Facility with Kairos Prison Ministry for five years. ✠

# Father Williams Instituted Rector at Holy Cross

Congratulations to Father Mark Williams who was instituted Rector of Anglican Church of the Holy Cross, Oklahoma City, on September 17<sup>th</sup>, the Parish Feast Day, the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. ✠



*Senior Warden Andy Ananaba presenting the keys to the Church to Fr. Mark Williams, Rector*

## New Interim Dean of APCK Seminary



The Right Reverend Donald M. Ashman, Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the Western States, is the Provost of the APCK Seminary, Saint Joseph of Arimathea Anglican Theological College in Berkeley, California. On September 30 Bishop Ashman announced the appointment of Father David Napier (shown at left) as Interim Dean of the Seminary. Father Napier is Bishop Ashman's personal representative as Provost at the Seminary.

Fr. Napier is planning and has already begun outreach programs so that the Seminary might be more visible and known to the Berkeley community. Please keep Father Napier in your prayers as he begins this important work. ✠

# The Relevance of Traditional Christianity

By The Rev. Michael Church, Priest-in Charge, St. Thomas Aquinas Anglican Catholic Parish, Montgomery, Alabama



Some twenty years ago I heard a fellow churchman derisively remark after a rather contentious parish meeting, “Some people don’t care what they believe!” Always appreciative of a curiously turned phrase, I let his words settle in my mind. At some point, it hit me, “Why, he could have been talking about me not so very long ago.” For a good thirty years in the Army, Church came on whatever day of the week whichever staff chaplain chose to show up, and we who chose to attend checked the block until the next circuit rider showed up in a week or two...or more. What may have appeared to some, however, as a relatively serendipitous means of bringing the Word to the troops really wasn’t. It rather was the product of a perpetual paucity of chaplains, ministers willing to live the, to be kind, “austere” life of the infantryman, the paratrooper, the Army Ranger and the myriad of other Military Occupational Specialties from cooks to lawyers. Still, it is true that we did not gain a great deal by that method in the way of strengthening, deepening, and widening our faith.

I did care that my service to our Lord over the years took on a casual nature. Every now and again, I ached a bit for the spiritual euphoria of that newly baptized seven year old that I faintly could remember. That reminiscence played a very large part in what happened at the end of my military service and the beginning of the next twenty years, that is, putting my relationship with my Lord where it belonged, front and center. I did care about what I believed. And no one was more surprised than me when what I cared about most, I found in the Anglo-Catholic tradition, Anglican because we are protestant and Catholic because we stem from and claim, as the Apostolic Creed puts it, “the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church” that Christ Jesus founded.

Recently, I was told that a now retired and very successful minister from our area once remarked that Anglo-Catholicism was a “museum denomination,” meaning that in this modern age it was bereft of meaning and impact because its roots are ancient and it therefore has dubious relevancy in the modern age. I have found just the opposite to be true. All of the Church’s dogma, doctrine and tradition begun two thousand years ago have stood the test of time very nicely. That which God inspired by His Holy Ghost to be recorded for all time is as powerfully life-changing today as it was at the beginning of the Christian era. It seemingly is only when we men get “out of our lane” that strife and confusion abound. In support of my view, I would call on a comment made recently by Rev. Boyd Bailey of Atlanta and to which I have added a bit, “When the Church chooses to blend in with the culture *and departs from its ancient dogma, doctrines and traditions, then* (italics, the author’s) it becomes irrelevant and impotent!” ✠

# Confirmations at Holy Cross



*From Left: Fr. Mark Williams (Rector), Confirmand Melissa Ann Brown, Bishop Brulc, and confirmands Matthew Carl Lanier and Mudhita Ningtyas Lanier on September 17th.*

## *Valēte!*



It has been my privilege and blessing to produce *Christus Rex* for the past ten years. But “To every thing there is a season” and the time of my participation in APCK Provincial communications is ending. All of you who have supported and helped me have my very grateful thanks. And now I say Farewell and God be with you.

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