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2024 Synod of the Diocese of the  
Western States



Synod Mass Clergy (lower, l - r): Canon Steven Dart, Father Dan Canda, Mr. Ory Schultheis, Deacon Ron Smith, Deacon Brian Faith; (standing, l – r) Bishop Scott Mitchell, Deacon Richard Kishur, Bishop Peter Hansen, Bishop Ashman, Deacon Charles Newcomb, Archbishop Blair Schultz, Canon Matthew Weber, Father Tom Kelnhofer, Father Gordon Hines, Father Glenn Karcher, Father Ben Brown, Father Hart, and Father John LesCallet [at Saint Martin of Tours Anglican Church in Concord CA]

### **Bishop Hansen's Synod Address**

*Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Hebrews 4:14-15*

KING DAVID sang of a great descendant of his whom he called his Lord, and whom God the Father called a ruler and priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek. Just three verses in Genesis mentioned Melchizedek, king of Salem, and priest of the Most High God, to whom Abraham tithed and he brought bread and wine. David saw in those verses a new and better priesthood and a priest forever. There are many kinds of religious workers and spiritual professionals, but what makes a man a priest is offering a sacrifice. Like Jesus, we stand at that table, we take the bread, bless it, break it, offering it to the Father, and then we give it to you.

The Anglican Province of Christ the King has been blessed from 1978 with the priesthood of Father Robert Sherwood Morse of St. Peter's Oakland and St Joseph of Arimathea Berkeley. People were drawn to this charismatic giant. He insisted on a seminary training for his priests, and started St. Joseph's in fall of 1979. My wife Giti, as an auditor, attended those first classes with Edward Jones and Rod Pomroy. David Napier, James Provence and I were the next year, and then on. But it's not seminary that makes you a priest. It is the call of God, the words Jesus spoke to His Apostles, the hands of the bishop, and the Holy Ghost. Again and again the call to serve God has been heard and followed by brave and loving men. To love is to suffer, Bishop Morse often said. Love is always sacrifice.

Five years ago, the Southwestern Diocese needed priests, and had no deacons. But God's unseen hand was already at work. Three men in Oklahoma City rose up to answer the call, several in the Phoenix basin, one in Las Vegas. Three more ordinations should happen out there this spring. In the Western States, new priests for Woodinville, Portland, Palo Alto, San Rafael, and Oakland all recently answered the call. This is the evidence of the Holy Spirit of God knowing our need and carrying us into the future. There is a future for Anglicanism. There has to be. This afternoon Archbishop Schultz will offer a Votive Mass for the Priesthood. Father Darius Gasatura, who I was blessed to ordain last September, will preach that Mass. Bishop Ashman and others have ordained Fr. Rick Gregory, Fr. Glenn Karcher, Fr. Franz Longworth, Fr. Ben Lawrence and God willing will soon ordain more priests and deacons. Those of you who have been ordained into any holy order—deacon, priest or bishop—in the last ten years, could you please stand for a moment? Thank you. We are a 45-year-old phenomenon, but these men were called in the last decade. Last year we acknowledged our first in the church's ancient order of diaconess, not a female deacon, but a specialized lay order, and Deena Orr from Redding, CA, was set aside. This year, newly set aside in Carefree AZ, we welcome Diaconess Jocelyn Obermeyer.

We have a future, and it's not just the repetition of our past. There is great continuity in the Catholic Faith, that faith once given, that we can never vary, never alter to our tastes, never vote in fads and marketing schemes for a post-modern Christianity. No. Our worship is timeless. The words of our liturgy high and respectful. The music of 20 centuries captured in our Hymnal's top 600 hymns since the Didache and our Hymn 195. These values are not open to change, yet we know we seek out a new generation that it will be our pleasure to meet and welcome, a generation we don't really know yet or understand. The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek. David called this priest Lord. We stand in the place of Christ at every Mass. It should be humbling to us all to take this up. Our High Priest is so worthy. But then so are these precious souls to whom we deliver the sacramental evidence of God's love. A wafer you say? Nay. The very Body of Christ, and His Blood. What are we doing? How do we dare? The liturgy answers us: we are not worthy so much as gather the crumbs off the floor. But it's our bounden duty and service to offer this sacrifice. We do it in obedience, and so we must dare. And what of our laypersons? What you say when you're baptized, and again confirmed, is that you take Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour, that you will follow Him and obey His commands all your life. That's your sacrifice. In your soul, you offer the sacrifice of yourself to God's only Son. We are all a holy and royal priesthood.

Last year we joined two dioceses and in doing so, we strengthened both. Now 25 churches strong, this Diocese of the Western States spans more than half the nation. Our list of clergymen is long, and we're adding more. We have a future. Look up and thank God that we're not a fad or a mere movement. We are a Church, made up of churches, made up of people and of God the Holy Spirit, meeting together every week to raise up Christ the King in majesty and adoration. God means for us to have a future. Let us look in one another's eyes and know that this wonder of Anglicanism with its apostolic ministry and a

holy priesthood has a future. We want to thank Archbishop Schultz for being our guest at Synod and for his tireless work for us all at the nation level, and we can't say how blessed we are to have Bishop Ashman, our extraordinary Ordinary, who does more teaching and writing and organizing than I can imagine or imitate, who has been restored to us in much improved health, Praise God. A great thanks to Bishop Mitchell, who took up the Northwest and has overseen the rescue of two great churches, and more. Our episcopal salute to all the priests at their labors everywhere, and not to forget the sacrificial work of the deacons, who do what they do for love.

And don't forget to activate your church's Anglican Church Women. Don't overlook the power in a women's group that can add to the church warmth, hospitality, welcome and comfort. Our ACW, for instance, every year on the Sunday nearest the spring equinox, has what we call The Thaw. It's our annual chili cook off. Please, use our idea. And if I don't mention this, it would be a great omission: my love and eternal thanks for the massive organizational accomplishments of Nona Gourley, who every year puts all this together. And she does it for love. Love was the theme of Robert Morse. It wove its way into every sermon and speech that he made. And when he said Love, he meant sacrifice. And when he said Sacrifice, he meant a priest was going to offer it again. Thank you all for coming to Synod. Thank all of you for all that you do. +PFH





Wednesday Morning Mass at St. Joseph's Seminary Chapel













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### **From the Desk of Nona Gourley**

The Founder of the Seminary and the New Oxford & Morse (Front) House was Archbishop Robert Sherwood Morse. His vision and legacy was, and is, that the seminary would have a place for students, professors or clergy to stay when needed to attend or teach classes. The building is over 100 years old and needs many small and large items such as: security locks for vestments and Altar Linens, chairs for the Library sitting room, plus some major repairs such as: roof, walls, floors, and stairs. The Berkeley City Council is difficult to work with, however, I believe with the right committee and fund-raiser we can, "God Willing", accomplish what we need which is approximately \$300,000.00 plus. After the Committee talks to the City and Contractors we will let you know what the plus might be. As I have heard Archbishop Morse say, "God can move mountains....".

The name of the Fundraiser is "THE OXFORD & MORSE HOUSE REFURBISHING FUND". 100% of the donations will be used for this project (NO ADMINISTRATION FEES) this fundraiser is sponsored by the Provincial Anglican Church Women. The plan is to provide different ways for individuals, Parish ACW's, Diocesan ACW's and the Provincial ACW to comfortably donate to their ability, supporting this project annually. The Diocese of the Western States just had their 33rd Synod/33rd ACW Conference. To get the ball rolling starting this project, several individuals donated money which amounted to \$270.00! What a great START. We shall have a THERMOMETER with our goal in the "Shepherd's Staff Newsletter" showing our progress. Currently there

are project plans to enable all parishes and individuals to participate. More information to follow.

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2. Checks Payable to St. Joseph of Arimathea Foundation, P.O. Box 15095, San Francisco, CA 94115
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THE NEW OXFORD & MORSE HOUSE REFURBISHING FUND 501(c)3 Tax ID #23-7072464 (St. Joseph of Arimathea Foundation)

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## St. Joseph's Seminary Summer Session Announcement

Saint Joseph's Seminary will be closed and undergoing repairs and renovation, much of it due to mold recently discovered. But there will be two classes offered the last week of July **via the Zoom Platform**.

Bishop Ashman will lead a Seminar on C S Lewis' Reflection on the Psalms in the morning preceded by Morning Prayer (9:30 to noon).

Bishop Hansen will lead a Seminar on leading a Bible Class in the afternoon concluded by Evening Prayer (2:00 to 4:30).

More details and alterations will follow soon.



## ACW-DWS Notes, May 2024

Another very successful Synod come and gone. ACW had our first truly joint annual meeting, with 25 members present, and some lively discussion. In 2023, we raised \$800 for Bishop Morse Youth Camp, and \$370 for Student Support at St. Joseph of Arimathea Seminary, from Carol Karcher's beautiful embroidered 'God Bless Our Home'. This year, we will do even better!

We discussed ways to raise money next year, and voted to continue the Drawings, and also to repeat the 'Ultimate Fund-Raiser', this time to raise money to help both Clergy and Laity attend the 2025 Synod (which will be held at Embassy Suites, Walnut Creek from May 6 thru 10 2025).

Lenten Mite Boxes raised \$3065.12 to benefit St. Joseph of Arimathea Student Support in 2023. Please remember that parishes should send checks for their offerings this year to: Gillian Golden, P.O. Box 558, Selma, OR 97538-0558. Thank you so much to parishes that have already sent their donations. Contributing parishes will receive a Certificate of Appreciation and be remembered at the altar of St. Joseph of Arimathea Chapel at the seminary.

Carol Karcher's amazing embroidery of Rublev's "Trinity" raised an incredible \$1,526 for Student Support at St. Joseph of Arimathea Seminary. Congratulations to Carol for completing this project despite several setbacks! Please keep her in your prayers as she is now recovering from shoulder replacement surgery. The ACW Drawings at the banquet raised \$1,254, which will benefit the Bishop Morse Youth Camp.

We have one item which was not claimed at the banquet. The only identification I have is 'Piper'. The prize is a genealogy search by Carol Karcher, an experienced amateur genealogist. If you have won, or you know who has won, please contact Carol at [beauspaniel@comcast.net](mailto:beauspaniel@comcast.net) or me at [gillian.golden@yahoo.com](mailto:gillian.golden@yahoo.com) Thank you to all who contributed items for the Drawings.

Thank you to all of you who contributed so much to the success of this Synod, and looking forward to seeing you next year.

Gillian Golden  
President ACW-DWS



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