


Awakenings

May 2010

“Rejoice in the Lord always, again I *will* say Rejoice.
Let your gentleness be known to everyone.
The Lord is Near. Do not worry about anything...”
(Phil. 4: 4-6)


Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

 S. Lewis believed that experiencing the depth of joy in our being, feeling the laughter of the love of life well up in our spirits and burst out of our mouths is a ‘divine gift’ from God. Our patron St. Paul both received and learned to cherish this spiritual gift while travelling the difficult road to Damascus. The story of his complicated yet profound witness of life and ministry provides us with a unique dynamic model of Christian witness in an uncertain and dangerous world. The life, mind-set and spirit of St. Paul pervades every aspect of our parish community’s witness. God reveals himself in our Lord Jesus and came into human life so that our joy may be found and be complete. The New Testament teaches us about this mystery of intermingled life with God and that our ‘joy’ comes from the possibility of knowing and loving God in Christ Jesus (John 15:11). Are you experiencing difficulty in finding true joy these days or

feeling genuine joyfulness in today’s difficult and conflicted world? Throughout this Easter-Pentecost season the ongoing story of Christ’s redemptive mission is one in which each one of our lives play a important part. By our desire to serve others and exercise the variety of ministries to which we are called, Christ’s mission in the Church and in the world continues through us.

The 2009 Annual Reports given out at our Annual Meeting on February 15th 2010 represent not merely the many challenges and accomplishments of our various ministries in 2009 but rather are representative symbols - stories of the joy (divine gift) we experience in carrying out Christ’s mission and witness to the Gospel in the city of Rome. The source and energy of our enthusiasm and joy is in representing Christ and his Church. As the Book of Common Prayer Catechism states, ‘in bearing witness to him wherever we may be; and according to the gifts given us, to carry on Christ’s work of reconciliation in the world’. In this way we take our place in the universal life, worship, and governance of the Church (BCP p.855). Our parish mission statement constantly brings to mind that the mission of the universal Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ. We in St. Paul’s Church Rome take this divine mandate very seriously. It remains our spiritual focus throughout these days of Eastertide and Pentecost. Thanks be to God.

Bishop-Elect Michael L. Vono

 On Saturday 24th April our beloved Rector, The Rev. Dr. Michael L. Vono+, was elected as the ninth Bishop of the Diocese of Rio Grande.

If all goes according to plan, Michael+ will be consecrated as Bishop in Albuquerque, New Mexico, on 22nd October 2010.

Please join the parish in prayer for Fr. Michael, as he begins to prepare for his new ministry among the people of Rio Grande, and for the Parish, as we begin to move into a phase of transition.



Did you know that in ancient Judaism when a young boy undertook his first lesson in Torah study, an old Hasidic tradition called for a golden drop of honey to be dripped onto the first page of the Torah, reminding the young student of the essential sweetness of God’s word. Several prophets in the Old Testament such as Ezra and Nehemiah would remind the people that joy should be their proper response to God’s word even if it is a word of necessary judgement. For these two prophets when the walls of the city of Jerusalem are rebuilt, the Word of the Lord will live again in their souls, ears and in their hearts, and the prophets goes on to say, “The joy of the Lord is (the people’s) strength.” This is as true now as it was in the time of Ezra and Nehemiah. Yes, humanity is flawed and fractured by our sins and waywardness... and yet we can nevertheless return again and again to the deep well of God’s forgiveness, love, grace and joy through Christ Jesus and draw from him all that we need to refill our courage, strength of will and goodness of heart. Joy is our divine destiny. The ministry we do is Christ’s own ministry. The mission we are sent on is Christ’s own mission. Joy is at the heart of Christian life. We in St. Paul’s Rome take these New Testament mandates very seriously. Thanks be to God.

The mission of St. Paul’s is to bear witness in Rome to a dynamic and living Christian faith, open to all and rejecting none.

The past several years, have been filled with global uncertainty; the anxiety caused by wars, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, floods, draught, disease, and financial instability, leading many people into a soaring melancholy arising out of a sense of helplessness and fear. Many people in the universal Church of Christ seem overwhelmed by this sense of global crisis and have consequently become spiritually disabled, experiencing no sense of 'well-being'. The world community in general seems to have become more estranged to Julian of Norwich's faith that 'all will be well' and are unable to cling to a sense of hopefulness. Yet are we not an interdependent global family? The need for every race and nation, creed and religion to acknowledge and realize its dependence upon each other for survival is more critical than ever. In this context the people of St. Paul's continue to witness to another reality, spiritually rooted in the faith, hope love and joy found in Christ Jesus. As an international faith community we still represent a crossroads of peoples, creeds and faiths as we carry out Christ's work of reconciliation daily. Christ draws all people to himself. Our church doors and the doors of our hearts remain constantly open despite the encroaching worldwide dangers and uncertainties. Our confidence and boldness evident in our

activities of serving the Lord's pilgrim people, travellers, refugees and transient poor in the city of Rome is rooted in our commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ - 'the joy of the Lord is strength' - and arises from the inspiring example of our patron St. Paul, who reached out tirelessly to the despised, displaced and those who were not at first welcomed as believers of God's kingdom. Our ministries are still vibrant and our mission focus remains very clear. Thanks be to God.

This new Spring season I urge you to courageously and prayerfully journey into joyful living and hope. Let each one of us take on the Lord's labours and as individuals and as a community grow in the knowledge of the Lord's Spirit and divine love for each of our lives.

' Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say Rejoice'.

Wishing you a Springtime of Easter and Pentecost JOY.
Blessings,

Padre Michele+

Awakening **LEADERSHIP**

Pastoral Note from the Rector

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Paul's,

If anyone ever wondered if the Lord has a sense of humor I am sure you now have your answer! Imagine the Holy Spirit at work in the people in the Diocese of the Rio Grande calling a Priest in the city of Rome to go into sprawling desert of New Mexico as their new Bishop! This is what happened on Saturday April 24, 2010 and in a daze of disbelief and feelings of deep humility and inadequacy, I accepted. I have always said that we Christians, and this has been always true in my ministry, know when the Lord's call to us is perfectly clear. As you now know this call is perfectly clear to me and to the people of the Rio Grande. The Lord does have a sense of humor and a purpose for each one of us.

Change is never easy. The unknown is always unsettling and our future is ultimately God's hands. In the weeks and months ahead the Wardens, Vestry and Staff will be guided through the necessary yet gradual changes about to take place. Our Bishop Pierre Whalon will shepherd us. Thanks be to God that St. Paul's church has such competent, dedicated and faithful leadership. By the guidance of the Holy Spirit all things will work out for good and during an interim period in which time the Vestry and leadership envision the future ministry of St. Paul's along with an Interim Priest, the Lord will have done a new thing in Rome.

Pray for each other, the Wardens, Vestry, Staff and for me as we intentionally rely on the grace and guidance of our Lord's Holy Spirit.

Blessings,
Fr. Michael+

Vestry

The Vestry met on 11th April in the Parish Hall with the Senior Warden presiding. As there was no quorum no decisions could be taken.

The Vestry:

- Heard an update of the situation in Orvieto. No action will be taken until after the Rio Grande elections.
- Heard that the insurers have seen the fire damage to the parish room and have asked for quotes for repairs which are currently being prepared.
- Heard an update on the lottery booth situation; the proposal is to lease the booth for four years but we want to revise the terms.
- Heard that Youth Across Europe will take place in Paris on May 12 - 16.
- Heard that Africa Day will be celebrated in May.
- Suggested we should organize a day trip to Ravenna on a Saturday to see the art exhibition showing the works lent by St. Paul's.
- Discussed the idea of a vestry/parish retreat, and the venue of the abbey of Valledara was suggested as location.

The next regular meeting will be held on Sunday 2nd May 2010, at 12.30 in the Parish Hall.

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To the people of the Diocese of the Rio Grande:

Blessings and greetings to you on this day, the feast of the Good Shepherd and the anniversary of Italian Liberation. Our hearts are joined with yours in joyful prayer as we celebrate the election of our beloved Rector, The Rev. Dr. Michael L. Vono, as your new Bishop.

We send you these photos as our gift to you on this momentous occasion, and we will be with you in prayer over the next few months as Fr. Michael+ prepares for his new ministry among you. Please keep us also in your prayers as we move into a phase of transition.

May God bless you all,

Maria Grazia Rizzo (Senior Warden)

Robina Kawungu (Junior Warden)

The Vestry and people of St. Paul's Within the Walls

Rome, 25th April 2010



Awakening **MISSION**

Hispanic Ministry

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

8th April 2010

This is Mercedes saying Hello to you. Thanks to God I had a good trip, although rather tiring. The meeting with my daughter and my parents was marvelous; I can't begin to explain the way one lives these moments and to have been able to spend time with them until Tuesday the 6th when I had to go to the Seminary to begin my studies.

I had problems during the trip because one of the wheels of the bus burst and the driver did not have the necessary tools to change the wheel; so we had to wait three and a half hours waiting for them to come and fix the wheel, in an area where it was very cold because the motorway is on the slopes of the Cotopaxi, which is a Volcano.

Apart from the cold, I was able to breathe in plenty of fresh, pine-perfumed air as that is an area of the Forest park with many pine trees. I was able to look at a gigantic volcano (Cotopaxi is very near). I arrived at the Seminary at 5.30 in the evening and I was welcomed by the Sra Cecilia. They showed me my room, the calendar of my studies and today I begin my first lessons.

During this week I will be studying what corresponds to Module 1 consisting of The Early – Medieval Church from 1500; the protestant reform, the counter-reformation and the reformation in England. My professor is the Rev. Can. Marco Mejia.

Today I met a Deacon and a Priest who invited me to a meeting of Leaders. The meeting was held in Ambato but I could not attend because I have a lot to study and prepare summaries of books because at the end of the course I have to present a Thesis. Those weeks that I am free I will stay at my parent's house.

When I arrived I met with Bishop Luis Fernando Ruiz. I thank God for everything and also for all those within my church. I feel strong and calm with the blessings of God and with the spiritual assistance that you all give me through your prayers. But I missed everyone very much on Sunday and passed the time wondering how everyone was.

I will say goodbye for now with a big hug and may God bless us all today and always.

24th April 2010

I cordially salute you, giving thanks to God that I am well and that I am finishing the second week of Studies which I am following. The first week I studied the History of the Christian Community dictated by Rev. Canon Marco Majia; this week I am studying Module n.2: History of the Episcopal Church in the United States of America, dictate by Rev. Canon Geoffrey Reeson.

These studies are helping me to learn a part of the history of our Church which is very important to me; each class becomes more interesting. I will tell you about these studies. We talked about the high church, the low church and I have to prepare a paper placing the Church of Saint Paul Within the Walls in the correct area.

The classes have been very participative up to now; the teachers, in my opinion, are excellent but I do admit that I have much to study and many papers to prepare. But this is why I came here, to study, in this Seminary which is quiet. I am well treated as though I was in my own house; and I have been made very welcome as though I was one of the family.

For all this I give thanks to God; Only he can help me to continue on my path and follow though. I am sure that with the blessings of God the community is well, following its course and that for them too it is good experience. They too are putting into practice the gifts that God has given them and now is the time to see if the seed that has been sown will reap well as I am sure it will and make us realize that the community too is going ahead and continuing to grow, not only in image or for the love of their Pastor but for the grace and presence of the Holy Spirit who has come into our community through us all and by whom we have been guided in our work. This is the moment for us all to remain firm remembering always the beautiful phrase: "The Lord is my Shepherd, I will not want."

This weekend I will be present at a Women's meeting: "The Daughters of the King". The Workshop will be directed by a woman priest from the Republic of Salvador. Present will be representatives of the Church missions in Ecuador. On Saturday 1 May I will visit the mission of the Indigenous communities of the City of Riobanba. I have been informed that it is a mission which groups together various communities and that has 5000 members. I will be travelling Friday afternoon and the priest from Quito will receive me there. I will be sleeping in the Community Centre. Next time I write I will let you know how it went. I will be spending this week with my parents and my daughter, but I will be studying as well. I would have liked to have taken my daughter to this meeting but I cannot because there is not enough time as she is studying.

I will say goodbye for the moment, asking you not to forget me. I will see you all soon; please say hello to everyone from me and a big hug.

*Mercedes Tutasig
Lay Pastoral Leader*

Church of the Resurrection

Easter Sunday was the fifth anniversary of the inauguration of the mission in Orvieto, and the Day was celebrated with special and grateful festivities; Reverend Susan Skillen, the first Vicar of the mission, attended the Service.

The congregation will meet on Sunday, 25 April, after the Service to discuss the continuing growth of the mission; the discussion will focus on the plan designed by Cynthia Selfridge and Elisabeth Catuogno. Each of the members of the congregation has been provided with a supply of "visitor's cards", with information about the church, which they can give to people they meet in their daily going-about-town.

A study group is being scheduled for May and June; "teach us how to pray" will be the subject; the group will meet in Fr. Russ' apartment.

Used clothing is being collected for the Refugee Center at St. Paul's and also for Caritas-Orvieto/Todi.

"CARA", the in-flight magazine of Aer Lingus, has published an article on Orvieto, written by Fr. Russ' daughter, Jane, who is a free lance journalist in Dublin. The article captures the culture, history and color of the town; the local businesses are happy for the free advertising, as well. Fr. Russ will present a copy of the magazine to the Mayor.

On the Day of Pentecost, 23 May, to highlight the universal meaning of the coming of the Holy Spirit, during the Service the Lord's Prayer will be said in Italian, Spanish, French, German and Hungarian, as well as English.

Fr. Russ+

JNRC

My time at the Joel Nafuma Refugee Center has been both challenging and rewarding. When I first began interning at the Center, I felt overwhelmed and out of place. However, as time went on, I began to feel more comfortable and genuinely look forward to my time here. The Center is a unique place in the city and I feel really privilege to have had the chance to volunteer here and build relationships with the refugees. I enjoy getting to know them and learning about their lives both before and after they arrived in Italy. It has really opened my eyes to the situation of refugees by passing out supplies or teaching computer courses I feel like I have gained so much more from my experience spending time with them. My time at the center has definitely been a highlight of my experience studying in Rome and has taught me a great deal about life that I will carry with me beyond my studies.



Beth Geerlings

Did You Know...?

- **That** Fr. Michael has been elected as the ninth Bishop of the Diocese of Rio Grande, and will be consecrated on 22nd October in Albuquerque?
- **That** Michael+ will be away visiting his folks and going to the Board meeting in NY, from 7th to 18th May?
- **That** Bishop Pierre will be visiting to meet with the Vestry and the Latin American Advisory Committee on 30th May?
- **That** on 30th May we will be celebrating Africa Day and Bishop Pierre will be preaching?
- **That** in April former parishioners Peggy Polk and Khacki & John Berry came back to visit us?
- **That** we will be sending seven kids to Youth Across Europe in Paris this month?

The Anglican Centre in Rome

Early Christian Art and Architecture in Rome

Sunday 20 June – Saturday 26 June 2010

This Rome Summer School (ROMESS) offers a popular introduction to early Church history through exploration of the art and architecture of Rome.

Rome is a many layered city. The course enables us to look at some of the more interesting early Christian sites and buildings, and appreciate both the persistence of sacred space, as well as the social and religious influences which have changed the way these spaces have been understood and used over time.

Guided visits to a number of Roman sites are central to the course. Included will be a visit outside Rome to Ostia Antica, a rich ancient urban site with an important connection to Augustine of Hippo and his mother Monica.

Current directions in Roman Catholic and Anglican ecumenical relations will also be explored, with visits to the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of Christian Unity, and if possible, Vatican Radio.

As well as underpinning participants' knowledge of Christianity, the course serves to challenge and deepen personal faith.

The course tutor will be Jonathan Boardman, chaplain of All Saints Church Rome and author of a popular guidebook to Rome.

The course will begin on Sunday 20 June at 5 pm and finish with a meal on Saturday evening 26 June. Cost: 500€

For information and booking please contact 06 6780302 or email administrator@anglicancentre.it.

Awakening **MUSIC**

Dear Friends,

Thanks to the Nova Amadeus orchestra, our musical offerings for the month of May are focused on popular choral and symphonic works alongside a number of premières of contemporary music written by Italian composers. Let me here briefly present some of the works which will be performed.

Sunday the 2nd

The famous "Stabat Mater" by Giovan Battista Pergolesi for Soprano, Mezzo Soprano and string orchestra will be performed together with Luigi Nicolini's Cantata Sacra for Soli, Choir and Orchestra.

Luigi Nicolini, born in Viareggio (Toscana) in 1963, is an active pianist, composer, vocal coach and arranger who can claim important collaborations with artists such as Katia Ricciarelli, Josè Cura and Keith Olsen to his credits. Among his many compositions it can be encountered a viola concerto, a double concerto for violin, piano and orchestra, as well as instrumental and choral music and, recently added, the opera "La zingara guerriera".

Sunday the 9th

A program dedicate to sacred music in the 20th and 21st century. Leonard Bernstein Chichester Psalms together with Igor Stravinsky Symphony of Psalms and Pier Paolo Cascioli's Cantata on "Our Father". This concert will feature our own St. Paul's Choir, a counter-tenor solo, a woodwind ensemble with organ, piano, harp and percussion, presenting 2 milestones of modern sacred music (absolutely "classical" music nowadays!) and the premiere of Cascioli's cantata.

Pier Paolo Cascioli, whose beautiful deep voice you appreciate every Sunday morning, is in fact a well-affirmed composer, awarded prizes in both national and international competitions. His "Our Father" originally written for large orchestra, will be here performed in its reduced version for woodwind ensemble, piano, organ, percussion with solo counter-tenor and choir. The work based on the Lord's prayer sung in Aramaic is divided in 3 short sections for a total duration of some 6-8 minutes. Again, this is a world première!!

Sunday the 16th

The ever-popular "Carmina Burana" by Carl Orff. "Carmina Burana" in the version for soloists, choir, 2 pianos and percussion is often performed in our church, but this does not make it less exciting and full of energy: you shouldn't miss the opportunity of listening to it at least once a year!

Sunday the 23rd

A real "romantic" symphonic concert: Franz Schubert's Symphony n. 8 "Unfinished", together with Alexander Borodin's Polovesian Dances. One of the most beautiful, and for this, popular, works by Schubert combined with the charming suite of dances inspired by the dreamy, almost fairytale East. Symphonic music is truly the genre I love the most in music (maybe it is for this that I like to play Widor's

symphonies on the organ...) and it gives me great delight that "within our walls" we can host such a wonderful program of instrumental music. The Nova Amadeus orchestra will be joined by the Res Musica choir and conducted by Fabrizio Santi

Sunday the 30th

The Argentinian pianist Mirta Herrera together with the German violin and viola players Goetz Hartmann and Rosemarie Keller, whom we have had already the privilege of listening a few years ago, will offer a very fine evening of chamber music, performing music by Mozart, Brahms among others.

A warm invitation to all of you to these wonderful Sunday afternoon concerts. The weather will be lovely and you can also enjoy a good pizza after the concert!

Stefano Vasselli
Organist & Director of Music

Concerts in May

Sunday 2nd 6.30pm

G. B. Pergolesi: Stabat Mater
L. Nicolini: Cantata Sacra - Laudate Dominum
(première)
Cornelia Dupré, Soprano
Svetlana Spiridovna, Mezzosoprano
Nova Amadeus Chamber Orchestra.

Sunday 9th 6.30pm

L. Bernstein: Chichester Psalms
P. Cascioli: Our Father
I. Stravinsky: Symphony of Psalms
St. Paul's Choir - Nova Amadeus Chamber Orchestra

Sunday 16th 6.30pm

C. Orff: Carmina Burana
Corale R. Giovannelli
Conducted by Claudio Micheli

Sunday 23rd 6.30pm


F. Schubert: Symphony n. 8 "Unfinished"
A. Borodin: Polovesian dances
Res Musica - Nova Amadeus Orchestra

Sunday 30th 6.30pm

Mirta Herrera, Piano
Goetz Hartmann, Violin
Rosemarie Keller, Viola
Music by
M. Bruch, L. van Beethoven, W. A. Mozart
Free Admission

Awakening **MEDITATION**

An Introduction

 want very much to introduce you to someone. I believe he is a true prophet for our times. He has influenced the way I think, the way I believe, the way I pray, and the way I hope. It seems to me especially appropriate to introduce him to you in this season of the year - Pentecost - the season in which we express and celebrate our faith that the Spirit of God, the Loving Power of the Infinite God, whose name is Love, abides within us and among us. The more we know this prophet or the more we know the prophecy he represents, the more truly faithful we Christians will be to our calling to be everything we can be for ourselves, for others, for the world and for the realm of God. The way I see it, those who are called to preach the Gospel particularly should look for guidance and inspiration from this prophet.

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, born in Auvergne, a central province of France, the first of May 1881, lived for many years in China, and died in Central Park, New York City, on Easter Day, 1955. He was a geologist, an anthropologist, a theologian, a philosopher and a poet. He was also a Jesuit priest, and he is buried in a small cemetery on the property of what used to be a Jesuit seminary in upstate New York. Years ago I made a pilgrimage to his grave. Funny thing, his name on his tombstone was misspelled.

Teilhard summed up what he had to say when he wrote: "The whole future of the earth, as of religion, seems to me to depend on the awakening of our faith in the future." For him, the real division among people was between those who welcomed the future and those who feared it.

Teilhard's vision: Creation is not a phenomenon in the distant past. Creation continues here and now, and God has placed the continuing creation and the transformation of all things - making all things new - in our hands. We are involved in a cosmic enterprise in which the material stuff of creation becomes the building blocks of an eternal reality, which is the everlasting realm of God. As the enterprise moves forward, it also gathers together, until all of us and all things are brought into one, the Cosmic Body of Christ, and God will be all in all. We are instruments and agents of this enterprise, not by our own power, but in the power of the Spirit of God, who is Love, the same Spirit who dwelled in his fullness in Jesus the Christ, and now dwells in us and among us.

All people are instruments and agents of this enterprise, those who name it for Jesus the Christ and those who give it another name and those who do not name it at all. The individual dignity of every human person is raised up and material creation in its every part has intrinsic and undeniable value. The sciences, medicine, technology, philosophy, the arts, statesmanship, and religion are partners in this one and the same enterprise. For us Christians the Resurrection is the sign, the image and the guarantee of what is happening in the power of the Spirit of God. Evil, the enemies of the cosmic enterprise, which is Unlove, are real - injustice, disease and disaster. The guarantee of the Resurrection is not a Pollyanna

guarantee. The Cross went before the Resurrection, and so it is that in this enterprise, in the power of the Spirit, as we build up, we have also to overcome the breaking down and the burning out.

In summary, as in Jesus the Christ, the human and divine are one, so in this enterprise matter and spirit, time and eternity are being made one, until they are made One forever. As the bread and wine in the Holy Eucharist become for us Jesus the Christ, so the whole of creation is becoming his Cosmic Body and all of time will be needed to effect it. On Pentecost we celebrate not the coming of the Spirit, but that the Spirit, whose Name is Love, is here, present and working and empowering as he was from the beginning of creation. This Divine Love, the Love who abided in Jesus the Christ and abides in us and among us, is the Energy of creation and its transformation.

This is Teilhard's vision. Where did he get such a vision? He was first a scientist, and he saw all this in his work in geology, paleontology, physiology and anthropology, enlightened by his faith.

"In very truth, it is God, and God alone, whose Spirit stirs up the whole mass of the universe in ferment... I bless you, Master, and I acclaim you, not as the moralizing preachers depict you - debased, disfigured - a mass of brute forces and base appetites - but as you are in your totality and true nature... Lord Jesus, I love you, as this world which has captivated my heart, and it is you that my brothers and sisters, even those who do not believe, sense and seek through the magic immensities of the Cosmos... To say that Christ is the term and motive force of evolution, to say that he manifests himself as "evolver" is implicitly to recognize that he becomes attainable in and through the whole process of evolution... The world must have a God; but our concept of God must be extended as the dimensions of our world are extended... The world will never be vast enough, nor will humanity ever be strong enough to be worthy of him who created them and incarnated himself in them... All the communions of all people, present, past and future, are one communion... Never again, please God, may we be able to say of religion that its influence has made us more indolent, more un-enterprising, less human; never again may its attitude lie open to the damning suspicion that it seeks to replace science by theology, effort by prayer, battle by resignation, and that its dogmas may well debase the value of the world by limiting in advance the scope of inquiry and the sphere of energy. Never again, I pray, may anyone dare to complain of religion that it is afraid of anything that moves and thinks... One might say that a hitherto unknown form of religion - one that no one could as yet have imagined or described - is burgeoning in our hearts, from a seed sown by the idea of evolution... Far from being shaken in my faith by such a revolution, it is with irrepressible hope that I welcome the inevitable rise of this new mysticism and anticipate its equally inevitable triumph"

Fr. Russ +

Awakening **YOUTH**

'TASTE AND SEE . . . THAT THE LORD IS GOOD' (Psalm 34:8)

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Ascension Day Weekend, Paris

Wednesday 12th May – Sunday 16th May 2010
Hosted by The American Cathedral in Paris, France

Challenging and encouraging participants to recognize and have a greater appreciation for all the many blessings God has given us.

What: A youth weekend in Paris, France. Includes: times for worship and discussion mixed with fun activities, cultural outings, free time in town, meals together, and a gospel concert!

Why: An annual gathering of the youth groups of the Convocation of American Churches in Europe - to develop relationships between churches and to be encouraged in our faith and learn more about Christ, with lots of fun thrown in the mix!

Who For: Young people aged 13 to 18 at the time of the event: Leaders to accompany each church group, aged 24+

When: From 6:00 pm Wednesday 12th until after church (1:00 pm) Sunday 16th May 2010. Please arrive and depart as close to these times as possible.

Where: Hosted at The American Cathedral in Paris (23, avenue George V, 75008, Paris, France). Sleeping will be on floors within the church property, with meals in the parish hall. There are no shower facilities available.

Cost: 10 Euros per participant to be brought with you to the event.

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What to Bring:

- Clothes for the duration, suitable for church services, active games, and sight-seeing
- Wash Kit and towel
- Sleeping bag, pillow (sleeping mat – optional, but highly recommended)
- Bible
- Spending Money

Contact Information: Please contact The Rev. Jonathan Huyck with any further questions at canon@americancathedral.org or (+33) 1 53 23 84 03.

Awakening **STEWARDSHIP**

Easter Breakfasts

Beginning April 11 we will be organising our annual series of International Breakfasts during the Easter season. These will be held in the Parish Room from 09.15 each week.

The schedule for May is:

May 2: Choir (*Stefano Vasselli*)


May 9: Italy (*Maria Grazia Rizzo*)

Please contact the organisers to let them know what you can bring or how you can help.

All funds collected will be sent to the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti, which lost most of its infrastructure during the recent earthquake, including: its diocesan Cathedral complex; most of its 169 churches; some 253 schools which were serving around 80,000 students from pre-school to university level; a nursing school; a music school; and its network of hospitals and health clinics. Despite the devastation, the Church in Haiti is committed to continuing its ministries to the Haitian people.

Please contribute generously, and bring your friends!

Stewardship

 Of the €22,882,95 pledged to date (fx €1 = \$1.3) we have so far received €8,710.43, or 38%. More pledge envelopes are available at the back of the church, and Andrea and Robina are always happy to talk to you if you have any questions about Stewardship.

ARE YOU UP TO DATE WITH YOUR PLEDGE?

AWAKENINGS

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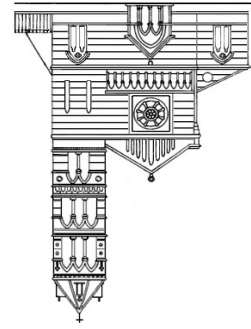
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Lectors	Scott Sieben Pia Johansen	Rosemarie Valentine Evangeline Gayagay	Bernadette Kafeero Mauro Battocchi	Hanna Hefner Dominic Ballayan	Vincenzo Racana Laura Dryjanska
Prayers	Robina Kawungu	Ben Oduwole	Andrea D'Agosto	Domenico Venditti	Maria Grazia Rizzo
Ministers of Communion	Robina Kawungu Ben Oduwole	Dominic Ballayan Rosemarie Valentine	Robina Kawungu Ben Oduwole	Dominic Ballayan Rosemarie Valentine	Robina Kawungu Ben Oduwole
Candle Bearers	Ben Oduwole Domenico Venditti	Dominic Ballayan Gabriele Linguanti	Dominic Ballayan Domenico Venditti	Ben Oduwole Gabriele Linguanti	Ben Oduwole Domenico Venditti
Crucifer	Dominic Ballayan	Rosemarie Valentine	Domenico Venditti	Rosemarie Valentine	Ben Oduwole
Liturgical Assistant	Dominic Ballayan	Ben Oduwole	Dominic Ballayan	Ben Oduwole	Dominic Ballayan
Altar	Aurea Ayubo	Esther Gayagay	Pia Johansen	Aurea Ayubo	Esther Gayagay
Ushers	Pia Johansen, Kenny Tabula & Gabriele Linguanti				
Coffee Hour	Nancy Kiragu Sabeti Muhavi	Evangeline Gayagay Lea Tunac	Lourdes Selga Catherine Davis	Julie Kang-Owan Gilbert Peregrin	Nancy Kiragu Sabeti Muhavi
Welcome Table	Ben Oduwole	Adeline De-Ayes	Juliet Ilori	Manuela Sauls	Ben Oduwole