

St Paul's Within the Walls  
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# Awakenings

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service to forced economic migrants, the elderly poor, those suffering addiction and displaced youth in the city of Rome. I also thank God that ours is a Church which openly embraces many facets of Rome's cultural life as an international city providing space in our beautiful Church for local concerts, Luminaria series, visiting students from around the world, international music groups, Japanese Thanksgiving Services, art shows, and cinematic productions. St. Paul's Church is a place of Eucharist and joyful worship, daily prayer, ecumenical and interfaith refuge for many from the busy city streets. Our witness is intimately intertwined with celebrating the gifts of spiritual life in Christ and living out our faith in the Presence of Almighty God. Diversity has become the very celebrated nature of our unity. Our beautiful sacred space has become a place of welcome for all God's people.

As you and I close a chapter in the life of St. Paul's mission and variety of ministries I encourage you to gratefully recognize and trust that *'the Adventure Continues'*. The Risen Lord Jesus will guide us - each and everyone of us - as we faithfully proceed toward new beginnings and new challenges. Unexpected blessings and joys will accompany our new journeys and in placing our whole trust in God we will adventure together into a promised future now known only by God. *Forza, people of God. Avanti sempre in Fede!*

## Dear Friends and People of St. Paul's,

**T**ruly this is the most bitter-sweet and difficult message I have had to write. As many of you know on Thursday, July 15, 2010 I will be leaving St. Paul's and Italy for the last time in order to begin preparing for my new calling in America as Bishop of the Diocese of the Rio Grande, New Mexico. It has been a wonderful and unique privilege to serve you as Rector for these past eighteen extraordinary years and I find it almost impossible to count all the blessings I have received.

Our mutual ministry over these many years has enabled St. Paul's mission and public presence to be exemplary within our Convocation as well as the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Community. By the grace of God and the guidance of the Holy Spirit we have labored hard in carrying out Jesus' teachings to love the poor, and in honoring the Gospel's imperatives, to welcome and care for all God's pilgrim people. Our daily witness has been to the Kingdom of God. For all these blessings, along with you, I thank God for our JNRC ministry, the Latin American Community and St. Paul's

Many Blessings upon you, my dear people. You will always be in my prayers and I ask you to pray for the people of the Diocese of the Rio Grande and for me. My love for all of you and St. Paul's will remain with me the rest of my life and in my new ministry.

Arriverderci,

Father Michael+



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## 18 YEARS AT ST. PAUL'S

In 1992 the Vestry called The Rev. Dr. Michael Louis Vono as the 14th Rector of St. Paul's Within the Walls. He arrived in April and began his ministry in May, just before the visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury.



1992 was characterized, in Fr. Michael's words, by "*renewal and reconciliation*." The Parish office was renovated, and new equipment put in: five phone lines, a photocopier, fax, answer machine, computer and laser printer, and a monthly newsletter "Awakenings" began. We had a new Secretary, Marie Molino, Keith Griggs (the Organist and Director of Music) also took on the role of building administrator, and we had a new Pastoral Assistant, Joe Cistone. There was a new curriculum for the Church School (called 'Witness'), and The Rev. Juan Erazo and his wife Cecilia (priest and deacon respectively in the Episcopal Church) were licensed in the Convocation and began helping at the Altar. The Annual Convention of the Convocation of American Churches in Europe was held at St. Paul's in October.

Senior Warden: Carol Marini  
Junior Warden: Ron Bostick

1993 was spent dealing with administrative problems related to tax issues and just compensation for employees. To aid the liturgy the Altar was moved forward to its present position, and on the 20th June the first Spanish Eucharist was held, with The Rev. Juan Erazo as celebrant. Keith Griggs founded a new choir, called 'The New Chamber Singers' [*this is incidentally how I came to St. Paul's—Ed.*] and St. Paul's held its first Spring Festival Weekend, with an Alley art show, African art & pottery, multi-cultural music, stalls with clothing, treasures and white elephant, a book stall, international food tables and ending on the Sunday with a Festival Holy Eucharist followed by strawberry shortcake desserts!

Unfortunately at the end of 1993 the agreements with the pastoral assistant were breached as he tried to form a separate entity to govern the JNRC.

Senior Warden: Peggy Polk  
Junior Warden: Ron Bostick

1994 administration issues continued to be addressed, with a review of insurance policies, the transfer of the bank accounts into the name of St. Paul's. A ten-year plan for restoration was received and approved, and the process of cataloging the stone antiquities was begun. Much time and effort was taken up in the ongoing legal battle with the former pastoral assistant: but evidence that the Spirit was moving this congregation

abounded when Bishop Jeffery Rowthorn baptized, confirmed and received over forty people in October; and again in December when over seven million lira was raised at the bazaar. In August Joni Eareckson Tada gave a concert to an audience of more than 500 people.

Senior Warden: Brian Williams  
Junior Warden: Robina Kawungu

1995 marked the resolution of the JNRC controversy in our favor, with the newly-named Joined Hands Refugee Center, now on other premises, ordered to pay damages, legal costs and taxes. On Sunday 25th June the Center was rededicated by Bishop Rowthorn in the presence of Fr. Joel Nafuma. The catalog of stone antiquities was completed and registered with the *Beni Culturali*. We began to look ahead to the Millennium as the Rector challenged us to: redefine the parish's mission and ministries; encourage, nurture and strengthen faithful leadership; work on strategic management models to safeguard the church's ministries; discuss and implement channels to enable Christian formation in strengthening faith, hope and love in our community; identify ways in which members are empowered to live out their baptismal vows in their secular lives. At the end of 1995 Carol and Ron Bostick left and Andrea Manchée (now D'Agosto) became Parish Secretary.

Senior Warden: Brian Williams  
Junior Warden: Robina Kawungu

1996 was marked by a series of special events including the ordination of the first woman priest in Rome, The Rev. Cecilia Erazo, and in December by the visit of Dr. George Carey, the Archbishop of Canterbury. There was also a reception in the Rectory for Rosemarie Trett, who retired after many years as head of the Altar Guild. The garden was redesigned by Beth Blosser and dedicated to Fr. Michael, accommodating a number of sculptures donated by Peter Rockwell. The heating system was converted to gas, three quarters of the electrical system was rewired and the water pipes were connected directly to the mains.

Senior Warden: Robina Kawungu  
Junior Warden: Fred Wilbur

1997 saw the publication of a CD of French music was published by The New Chamber Singers, conducted by Keith Griggs, with Organist Stefano Vasselli. The new sculpture garden was officially dedicated by Jeffery Rowthorn on 18th May. Drama was introduced when Fr. Michael poisoned himself (this was an accident!) and was sent on a three month Sabbatical by Bishop Rowthorn. In his place we welcomed The Rev. Hap Warren and his daughters from Miami. The Rev. Fletcher Lowe and his wife Mary Fran. Our prayers for help in the Refugee Center were answered in the form of Sister Emy, of the Sisters of Zion. 1997 was also the year the Convocation began the Journey of the Cross, and in September we welcomed the Cross into our midst. For the first time we had a service of healing at St. Paul's, led by

Bishop Jeffery. In November of that year, Br. Peter Bones was invited to use space on our premises to carry out his ministry to young immigrants, offering help with papers, bureaucracy, legal and housing problems.

Senior Warden: Fred Wilbur  
Junior Warden: Wendy Martucci

**1998** was the 125th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone. We renovated and dedicated the back garden, to preserve the antique stonework and create a pleasant space for parish functions. We celebrated Africa Day for the first time, in the presence of Bishop Jeffery Rowthorn, and over 300 people attended. We replaced the cushions on the pews using a generous bequest from the Woodhams family; and our Organist and Director of Music, Keith Griggs, resigned and in his place we welcomed Stefano Vasselli. The Revs. Juan and Cecilia Erazo also left us, as they had been offered jobs in California, and their daughter Viviana temporarily took over responsibility for the Latin American Community. We began to hold thanksgiving ceremonies for Japanese couples, following a pilot program at St. James' in Florence. A young artist, Alice, gave art lessons in the JNRC and we were able to put in satellite TV for the refugees, as well as a new ventilation system.

Senior Warden: Stella Ogbuagu  
Junior Warden: Edna McCarter

**1999** was a year of plumbing disasters, with pipes breaking on all three floors of the Parish House. Stefano Vasselli began his tenure at St. Paul's by writing a number of new settings for the service music. A major discernment discussion took place with regard to the role of the Board of Trustees and the relationship between St. Paul's and the Board. Wheelchair access was provided and the Breck mosaics were repaired, and we also provided lighting for the outside of the church, using contributions from our Friends. A major meeting was held to begin a review of the church's artistic and cultural patrimony and its maintenance and protection. Results were given of the first structural survey and plans were made to draw up a detailed conservation report on every item. Our first website was set up thanks to the services of Jan Paxton from Episcopal Church Center in New York.

Senior Warden: Brian Williams  
Junior Warden: Edna McCarter

**2000** otherwise known as Y2K began with 'Open Doors' as we flung open the bronze doors on Via Nazionale on New Year's Eve to celebrate the Millennium and Rome's Jubilee. We had to replace the computer and the Parish database, neither of which could count to the year 2000, and in response to the challenge given us in 1995, we had a 'Parish Challenge Day' in September to write a new mission statement and to set goals for the next ten years:

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to a dynamic and living Christian faith,  
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**Mission goals:**

- Find a priest to lead the Spanish Community and act as

- Assistant to the rector;
- Establish a Youth Group;
- Create a unified parish music program;
- Return to the customs of holding an annual retreat and social events, such as a parish picnic, foyer dinners and neighborhood group meetings;
- Revive the disbanded Women of St. Paul's group;
- Provide more pastoral care, including visits to parishioners in need of spiritual and material help by the Rector and/or laity;
- Organize periodic newcomers' gatherings.

Viviana Erazo was called to the States to take up a lay ministry there, and her brother Aldo took over as the lay leader of the growing Latin American community. A \$250,000 project was approved renovating the plumbing and we received two grants, one from UTO and one from the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief to renovate the crypt bathrooms and put in industrial kitchen equipment in the crypt. Our dear friend and former Warden Fred Wilbur died in January and we held a Salon Evening in his memory.

Senior Warden: Brian Williams  
Junior Warden: Robina Kawungu

**2001** saw eight months of building works as the plumbing was stripped out and replaced throughout the building; the JNRC was closed for much of this time. We witnessed the tragic events of September 11th (the rector of a downtown New York parish was visiting us at that time) and in the Fall we hosted the meeting of the Board of St. Paul's, the Convocation's Council of Advice, the Commission on the Ministry of the Baptized and the Annual Convention, with a visit to the Vatican along with Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold and the Consecration of our own newly elected Bishop, Pierre Whalon. Aldo Erazo was licensed as Lay Pastoral Leader to the Latin American Community, now grown to around 80 worshippers per week. We hired a part-time bookkeeper, and two new designs were added to the postcards on sale, thanks to Ben Oduwole. We began to pay a quartet of choristers each week to sing for the Eucharist. The second edition of Judith Rice Millon's history of the church '*St. Paul's Within the Walls*' was published.

Senior Warden: Brian Williams  
Junior Warden: Robina Kawungu

**2002** saw the raising up of our public presence in the city as we opened our doors to children from the local community and their families for a Halloween celebration for the first time. Luminaria was expanded to two seasons, and we celebrated the tenth anniversary of the Latin American community. The community launched a newsletter for the occasion, called 'Vida.' Aldo Erazo was approved by COMB as a postulant and plans were made for him to begin studies. Bishop Cathy Roskam of the Diocese of New York became the first woman Bishop to celebrate at St. Paul's. The Vestry met at the Anglican Centre with the All Saints' Church Council to discuss ways in which we can work more closely together and strengthen our Anglican presence in Rome. We received an anonymous gift to clean the façade and the mosaics over the bronze doors. The Church choir went carol singing around the local shops and pubs to raise money for the

JNRC Christmas party. 150 concerts were held at the church over the course of the year, and in November we were visited by Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold. We redesigned the website and took over the management of it. We began a youth group, and Fr. Michael celebrated 25 years of ordination to the priesthood.

Senior Warden: John Berry  
Junior Warden: Ben Oduwole

**2003** saw a number of changes in staff: the retirement of Nasri Herro as Coordinator for the JNRC and Akbatan 'Tuana' Abdulla took over. We said goodbye to Jana Miseva, the bookkeeper, and hired Laura Tagliapietra in her place. We also took advantage of a *condono* to legalize our sexton, Sava Vizir. The website was translated into Italian and we added Awakenings online. The Vestry had a retreat at Tor S. Lorenzo led by The Rev. Joe Britton on the subject of leadership, and along with All Saints' we took part in a 'Quiet Day' for reading and meditation in a garden in Umbria. The former Archbishop of Canterbury, George Carey, was with us for Africa Day. Our organ was renovated and restored, a project which took 5 weeks, and was funded by a generous donation from Fred Reinhardt and his family in memory of his father. Brian Williams wrote a long memorandum on the subject of liturgy, on the basis of which we prepared a survey of the congregation. The principal results: it was felt that more training should be given to readers; more attention should be given to welcoming visitors; and more attention should be given to expressing ourselves in liturgy, particularly during the Prayers of the People. It was a pivotal year for the Latin American Community as an 'Advisory Committee' was organized to support the work of Aldo Erazo.

Senior Warden: Peggy Polk  
Junior Warden: Ben Oduwole

**2004** was the first time that St. Paul's hosted a Youth Across Europe event, on the theme of 'Aliens and Strangers,' and one of the youth, Louise Trueheart, gave the homily at the Sunday service. The staff and students of the Scuola T. Mommsen came for the first time to give a concert to raise funds for the JNRC, making €450. We were very much saddened by the deaths of our dear friends Brian Williams and Rosemarie Trett. In Brian's memory the Vestry resolved to buy new choir robes and candlesticks for the Chapel. We began to support Mercedes Tutasig in her discernment process. The Church of St. Andrew's began to provide bag lunches for the refugees once a week. The music program expanded further to include over 200 concerts over the course of the year. Majid Seyed Imani carved a beautiful children's Cross for the children to carry as they process out to Church School each Sunday. Initial steps were taken in setting up a mission congregation in Orvieto led by Susan Skillen, and we received a grant from the Kress Foundation to restore a fresco. We bought a digital camera, and put in ADSL.

Senior Warden: Ben Oduwole  
Junior Warden: Khacki Berry

**2005** began with the Ordination of the Rev. Susan Skillen to the priesthood, and on Easter Sunday the first service in the new mission was held in Orvieto. Also on Easter Sunday Aldo

Erazo was ordained to the Diaconate. We participated in an arts exhibition entitled 'Spellbound by Rome,' along with the American Academy in Rome and the Keats-Shelley House. We received further grants for art restoration, from Marnie Dawson Carr and Peter Rockwell, enabling the restoration of the cartoons for the Breck mosaics, the Egyptian marble Republican head, and one of the sarcophagi. We welcomed The Rev. Bill Franklin as Assisting priest, and participated in the Convocation's 'Mission 2006' conference. Luminaria was expanded to include 35 concerts during the year, and Stefano Vasselli was granted a three month sabbatical in order to work on the composition of a Mass for soloists, choir and orchestra. We replaced the sound system in the church, installed the missing marble wall and mosaic sections in the chapel and installed a railing for the chapel steps. At Christmas a sewer collapsed under the Nursery floor, much to everyone's delight...

Senior Warden: Ben Oduwole  
Junior Warden: Amy Roth

**2006** did not start well as Aldo was ordered by the Bishop to take medical leave, and then later asked to resign his orders. Mercedes Tutasig took over the leadership of the Latin American Community. The carillon was digitalized and three broken hammers repaired, using a generous donation from the former Chair of the Board of St. Paul's, Conner Fay and his wife Evelyn. There was a special Sung Eucharist in honor of this event, and a luncheon with the Bishop and Council of Advice.



We sent 13 youth and leaders to the "God: RU Online" Youth Across Europe event in Munich. We joined our sister Church All Saints' for the Ordination of Sara MacVane to the priesthood, and they joined with us for the annual celebration of Africa Day. We were very sorry to see Sister Emy leave us, as her order moved to Jerusalem. Sister Rose, who had been volunteering for some time, took over responsibility for the mornings. The Church School began a stewardship project, encouraging children to bring small donations of soap, shampoo etc. for refugees. In December we took a bus to Orvieto for an Advent service of Lessons and Carols with Bishop Scanavino attending. Also in December the Archbishop of Canterbury visited the JNRC.

Senior Warden: Amy Roth  
Junior Warden: Merritt Cluff

**2007** focused on Youth as we hired a part-time youth leader, Tuomas Ala-Opas from Finland. Under his guidance, the kids produced an animated video of the Passion of Christ, which can be found on You Tube and on our website, and they

attended the Youth Across Europe event in Frankfurt. Andrea D'Agosto attended the TENS Stewardship conference in Ipswich, England, reporting back to the Vestry and leadership. The Church School had their first Easter Egg Hunt. We celebrated the 15th anniversary of the Latin American community, and Mercedes Tutasig was licensed as Lay Pastoral Leader. The American Academy had a special Eucharist for the American Academy in honor of their anniversary, and Judith Rice Millon. In December the concert choir was asked to perform Vivaldi's Gloria for Prime Minister Prodi—this event was televised for the Web. Giacomo Diano began to assist Stefano in programming tunes into the carillon, and three pieces by Stefano Vasselli were published in 'Enriching Our Worship II.' The Church School placed a 'care basket' in the back of the church for people to bring in donations of toiletries for refugees. We were sad to see the departure of Edna McCarter, who for many years had taken charge of the property and hospitality.

Senior Warden: Amy Roth

Junior Warden: Maria Grazia Rizzo

**2008** saw the departure of Susan Skillen from Orvieto, for family reasons, and Bill Franklin took over as interim Vicar, and in November we welcomed The Rev. Russ Ruffino. Our concert gave participated in 10 concerts throughout the year. We were visited in January by John Sentamu, Archbishop of York. Discussions began with the Board of St. Paul's on a major restoration project which was presented by Fred Reinhardt, President of the Board of Foreign Parishes. In honor of the Pauline Year Fr. Bill organized a mini-Pauline pilgrimage around sacred sites in Rome. The Vestry proposed an amendment to the by-laws allowing flexibility in the number of Vestry members. St. Paul's hosted Youth Across Europe for the second time, on the theme 'Hungry for Christ.' During the weekend we had Rome's first U2 Eucharist. In December Melanie Versloot, one of the JNRC volunteers, organized a shoebox appeal, asking churches and schools to fill a shoebox with toiletries and small gifts for refugees. We received over 280 boxes to hand out at the annual Christmas Party.

Senior Warden: Michael Davies

Junior Warden: Maria Grazia Rizzo

**2009** began with St. Paul's hosting the annual Unity Service for the Churches Together in Rome, where The Rev. Ian Coffey was the speaker. We saw some wonderful additions to Holy Week, first with the Church School's Passion enactment on Palm Sunday, and then with the visit of Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori to St. Paul's and the JNRC on Good Friday. The Church of the Resurrection (Orvieto) moved to 'permanent' premises in the Corso Cavour, a converted shop which was consecrated by Bishop Pierre in October. Stefano Vasselli set up a cultural association under the name Luminaria to better manage the concert series, still running annually around 35 concerts. In December we took the choir to Orvieto for what has become the annual lessons and carols, this year performing first in the local prison (where we met an old friend) and then through the streets of the town.

Senior Warden: Maria Grazia Rizzo

Junior Warden: Robina Kawungu

**2010** was ushered in with a Church School pageant on Epiphany, starring a camel beautifully made by Kenny Tabula and Domenico Venditti.



In February an exhibition on the Pre-Raphaelites opened in Ravenna, to which we had loaned the Burne-Jones cartoons. There were a series of administrative problems in the Church of the resurrection, and members of Staff and the wardens accompanied Fr. Michael to two separate meetings in an attempt to straighten things out. In April there was a fire in the Parish room, damaging the paintwork, the floor and destroying one curtain. The paintwork has since been repaired and plans are underway for the refurbishment of the soft furnishings. In April Fr. Michael was elected as the ninth Bishop of the Diocese of the Rio Grande, and we began to put plans in place for the interim period. The Bishop joined us for Africa Day and had a first meeting with the leadership, both the Vestry and the Latin American Advisory Committee. In June the BBC in collaboration with Mediaset came to film some scenes for an upcoming TV series.

Fr. Michael's last Sunday at St. Paul's is Sunday 11th July. Our sister church All Saints' will be with us that day, as well as the Latin American Community, and following the 11am Eucharist there will be a Parish luncheon in the Crypt, with music and dancing. Fr. Michael will leave Rome on Thursday 15th July 2010.

*O God, you have bound us together for a time as priest and people to work for the advancement of your kingdom in the city of Rome: We give you humble and hearty thanks for the ministries which we have shared in these last eighteen years. We thank you for the joys and the sorrows we have felt, the people whose lives have been touched, and the achievements and failures we have lived through and learned from; and especially we thank you for your never-failing presence with us through these years, and for the deeper knowledge of you and of each other which we have attained. Grant that all we, by drawing ever nearer to you, may remain close to each other in the communion of your saints on earth. We pray that you bless your servant Michael as he moves on to new challenges of witness and ministry, and we pray that you bless those who remain, and those who will serve here as priests and pastors in this interim time. All this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.*



## Dear People of St. Paul's,

Between Mercedes leaving temporarily for Ecuador, Father Bill+ leaving for the States and the approaching departure of Father Michael+ for the Diocese of the Rio Grande, we are entering once more as a parish, albeit for the first time for many of us, into a sort of “now what?” stage.

As Bishop Pierre anticipated to us during his visit on Africa Day, we are not alone: he will appoint an interim who will operate on his behalf until a new rector is chosen and he will personally address all the preliminary phases of the search, after having received from us a parish profile and a job description.

These will be presented to him at the end of the Parish retreat which will be held on 30 October, and to which all parishioners are invited, so please save the date in order to attend it: your contribution is irreplaceable in defining who we are and where we want to go.

While the clergy is being renewed, the church staff and leadership will continue in the various works and ministries. The Vestry is in recess during summer, but the executive committee (Gretchen Hood, Robina Kawungu, Vincenzo Racana, and myself) is in charge for any decision which cannot be delayed.

God certainly has something in store for us in this time of transition, let us trust in Him and look forward to the gifts he will bring.

Yours, in Christ,

Maria Grazia Rizzo, SW

## Upcoming Events:

*The Parish Office will be closed from 16th to 30th August.*

September 5th: The Rt. Rev. Richard Garrard will be celebrating for the first time as our Interim Rector.

September 12th: Welcome Back Sunday, when we begin Church School and Choir programs after the summer recess. On this Sunday we will also ask you to bring your contributions for the United Thanks Offering.

October (date to be decided): Newcomers' Reception.

October 14th to 17th: Annual Convention in Nice.

October 22nd: Fr. Michael is consecrated as the 9th Bishop of the Diocese of the Rio Grande in Albuquerque.

October 30th: Parish retreat for discernment, led by Bishop Pierre.

*Everyone is encouraged to come to this meeting, at which we will discern and discuss our strengths, barriers, our vision, mission and ministry, and therefore what leadership skills we are looking for in the new Rector.*

October 31st: Bishop's Pastoral Visit for Confirmation and Reception.

## Farewell Message from Fr. Bill+:

I cannot thank Fr. Michael+, the vestry, staff, and people of St. Paul's for the wonderful farewell service and party for Carmela and me on Sunday, June 27. Of the many great farewells for the two of us as we leave Rome on July 3, this is an event I will never forget. The warmth and joy of the occasion I believe matched the spirit of our work together at St. Paul's, and in Orvieto, through these last five years.

My position at St. Paul's has been described as “associate” to the Rector, and I think that is very apt. Because Fr. Michael+ and I have been associates in every sense of the term, speaking and planning every day for five years about the many ministries of St. Paul's and also for the mission church in Orvieto. But I have been the associate “to” the Rector in the sense that Fr. Michael+ has also been my great teacher, in the arts of ministry, in administration, and in pastoral care. He has shared with me his great staff team who have been my friends and at the same time have all provided me invaluable support in so many areas of ministry: Andrea, Laura, Tuana, Stefano, and Vasile. I also want to thank the leadership and members of the vestry and the Latin American community for their wonderful gifts on June 27, which are symbols of their support and encouragement and formation of me during these five years.

I take up a new full-time position on the staff of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, a landmark church in downtown

Philadelphia, on August 1, as Senior Associate Priest, while I am in discernment about other future positions in the Episcopal Church. Carmela returns to Columbia as Professor of Classics.

We hope to see as many of you as possible in America at some, and of course we will be back to see you in Rome, a city which has a treasured place in our hearts.

Love to all in this dear community,

Billo+

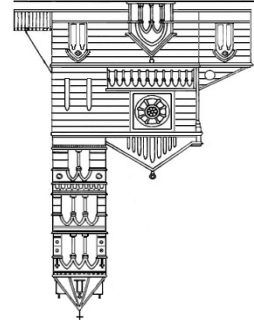
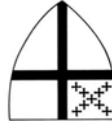


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| <b>Lectors</b>                | Scott Sieben<br>Lidia Jami           | Rosemarie Valentine<br>Domenico Venditti | Andrea D'Agosto<br>Julie Kang-Owan   | Mauro Battocchi<br>Evangeline Gayagay |
| <b>Prayers</b>                | R Kawungu / C Davila                 | Dominic Ballayan                         | Vincenzo Racana                      | Ben Oduwole                           |
| <b>Ministers of Communion</b> | Rosemarie Valentine<br>Jane Crawford | Robina Kawungu<br>Ben Oduwole            | Andrea D'Agosto<br>Jane Crawford     | Rosemarie Valentine<br>Ben Oduwole    |
| <b>Candle Bearers</b>         | Kenny Tabula<br>Domenico Venditti    | Gabriele Linguanti<br>Jane Crawford      | Andrea D'Agosto<br>Domenico Venditti | Kenny Tabula<br>Rosemarie Valentine   |
| <b>Crucifer</b>               | Luis Quiñonez                        | Dominic Ballayan                         | Jane Crawford                        | Domenico Venditti                     |
| <b>Liturgical Assistant</b>   | Dominic Ballayan                     | Ben Oduwole                              | Dominic Ballayan                     | Ben Oduwole                           |
| <b>Altar</b>                  | Esther Gayagay                       | Pia Johansen                             | Catherine Davis                      | Aurea Ayubo                           |
| <b>Ushers</b>                 | Evangeline Gayagay & Pia Johansen    |  |                                      |                                       |
| <b>Coffee Hour</b>            | Nancy Kiragu<br>Sabeti Muhavi        | Evangeline Gayagay<br>Lea Tunac          | Lourdes Selga<br>Catherine Davis     | Julie Kang-Owan<br>Gilbert Peregrin   |
| <b>Welcome Table</b>          | Domenico Venditti                    | Ben Oduwole                              | Adeline De-Ayes                      | Juliet Ilori                          |

|                               | <u>August 8</u>  | <u>August 15</u>  | <u>August 22</u>   | <u>August 29</u>   | <u>Sept 5</u>  |
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| <b>Lectors</b>                | Katy Hass<br>Laura Dryjanska                             | Rosemarie Valentine<br>Pia Johansen                     | Ben Oduwole<br>Evangeline Gayagay                              | Vincenzo Racana<br>Mauro Battocchi                         | Fred Kafeero<br>Maria Grazia Rizzo                   |
| <b>Prayers</b>                | Dominic Ballayan   | Robina Kawungu  | Domenico Venditti  | Scott Sieben   | Andrea D'Agosto                                      |
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| <b>Candle Bearers</b>         | Andrea D'Agosto<br>Domenico Venditti<br>Domenic Ballayan | Dominic Ballayan<br>Maria Grazia Rizzo<br>Jane Crawford | Rosemarie Valentine<br>Domenico Venditti<br>Gabriele Linguanti | Dominic Ballayan<br>Maria Grazia Rizzo<br>Domenic Ballayan | Andrea D'Agosto<br>Domenico Venditti<br>Kenny Tabula |
| <b>Crucifer</b>               | Andrea D'Agosto  | Ben Oduwole   | Dominic Ballayan   | Domenico Venditti  | Andrea D'Agosto                                      |
| <b>Liturgical</b>             | Dominic Ballayan   | Ben Oduwole   | Dominic Ballayan   | Ben Oduwole  | Dominic Ballayan                                     |
| <b>Altar</b>                  | Esther Gayagay   | Pia Johansen  | Catherine Davis  | Aurea Ayubo  | Esther Gayagay                                       |
| <b>Ushers</b>                 | Evangeline Gayagay & Pia Johansen                        |   |  |  |  |
| <b>Coffee Hour</b>            | Nancy Kiragu<br>Sabeti Muhavi                            | Evangeline Gayagay<br>Lea Tunac                         | Lourdes Selga<br>Catherine Davis                               | Julie Kang-Owan<br>Gilbert Peregrin                        | Nancy Kiragu<br>Sabeti Muhavi                        |
| <b>Welcome Table</b>          | Domenico Venditti  | Ben Oduwole   | Adeline De-Ayes  | Juliet Ilori   | Beryl Cunningham                                     |

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*This beautiful pectoral Cross has been designed by Paolo Baroni, a member of this congregation, and will be presented to Fr. Michael on Sunday 11th July, 2010, the gift of the Congregation of St. Paul's Within the Walls, Rome, in thanksgiving for his 18 years ministry among us.*



*The Easter lily reminds us of the Resurrection power of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and the writing ICXC NIKA proclaims that Christ is victorious. The symbols of the sun, the star and the miter are taken from the logo of the Diocese of New Mexico. The rope circle around the central stone represents our hope of eternity. There are three crosses, representing the Trinity, incorporated in the design: one on the miter, one in between the letters ICXC NIKA and one is the pectoral cross as a whole. The cross is made of gold plated silver, and the stone is an amethyst, the traditional stone for a Bishop.*

*May God continue to bless Michael richly in his new ministry among the people of the Rio Grande.*