

PeacePrints

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FROM THE RECTOR

Lifelong Christian Learning

In Lent, people give something up: a bad habit or an attitude. Perhaps we should all take up the commitment to “lifelong Christian learning.”

It is my belief that one of the weaknesses of the Episcopal Church is the failure of our members to participate in the lifelong learning process of growing in our knowledge and love of God. All professions require continuing education for practitioners to hone their skills, to reinforce the skills they have learned, and to move forward and stay on the cutting edge of new thought, ideas

and development that can help them grow in their professions. No excuses! To remain in that profession, you have to do so many hours of continuing education. It’s that important to the profession.

Thinking about the word profession, it is interesting to note that it comes from the word profess, which actually means to know and to share. Perhaps our profession as members of the church is “Christian.” What would lifetime learning/continuing education look like for a Christian?



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The term that Christians have often used for this “continuing education” is Catechesis. Catechesis is a Greek word which describes the process of education in the faith of children, young people and adults which includes especially the teaching of Christian doctrine imparted, generally speaking, in an organic and systematic way, with a view to initiating the hearers into the fullness of Christian life. Often this is thought of in terms of set doctrinal statements or even rote memorization. (Did you know the Episcopal Church has a catechism? Look in the Book of Common Prayer pages 844-862.)

In a recent conference, the Rev. Dr. J.I. Packer (the premier Anglican evangelical theologian) said he yearns for the return of catechesis, “Bible-based, Christ-centered, declarative in style,” at a time when “the Christian value system is virtually disappearing from schools.” “Ongoing learning is part of the calling of the Church,” he said. “It has to be taught in all churches at all times.” Dr. Packer, 83, is completing a book on catechesis.

He called it “ridiculous to think that no more learning of the faith is necessary after confirmation has taken place.” Unfortunately that is where many people’s faith development stops in our church. Decisions about life, death, resources, parenting, etc. do not come from a deep Christian conviction

of truth, but more often come from how we feel. Too many Christians have ceased to think.

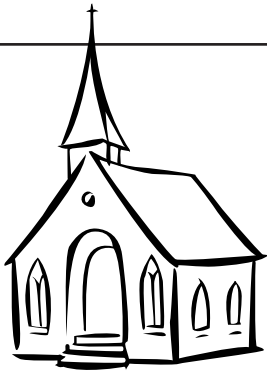
Packer stated that he believed recovering the traditional emphasis on careful, lifelong instruction in Christian faith “will be totally uphill all the way. We shall be challenging the dominant trends in our culture, and it won’t be easy.”

Dr. Packer said the catechetical enterprise need not resemble the “schoolroom method or question and answer” format set during the Reformation and enshrined in The Book of Common Prayer. A likelier pattern for modern times, he said, is that of the Alpha

Course, which involves sharing meals, forming new friendships, listening to brief presentations and discussing the content in small groups. “You get much further, much faster” this way, he said, than with relying on a fixed set of questions and answers.

He pleaded that teaching the catechism should be a regular, continuing project for churches. Crucial topics should include the authorship of Scripture; the reality of God’s being; the holiness of God’s law; the centrality of Jesus Christ; the graciousness of salvation; the power of the Holy Spirit; and the worship of God.

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Worship Schedule March 2010

Morning Prayer:

Every morning in the Chapel at 7:30am through Saturday, April 3. Start every morning in Lent by focusing on God and offering Him prayers and praise.

Wednesdays:

6:30am – Holy Communion in the Chapel

This service is one half hour long followed by a continental breakfast. A great service for commuters who want spiritual refreshment for the middle of the week.

Evening Worship:

Through June, there will be two evening services a month (on the second and fourth Sundays). During Fr. Rand's sabbatical, short videos will be shown to stimulate

discussion, prayer, and action as a part of this worship service.

Sundays

March 7 – Lent 3 – I Am the Way, the Truth and the Life: John 14:1-6

8 and 10am – Holy Communion

March 14 – Lent 4 – I Am the Bread of Life: John 35:49-56

Daylight Saving Time Begins – Please turn clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night.

8 and 10am – Holy Communion

5pm – Evening Communion Service.

Water to Wine leads worship.

March 21 – Lent 5 – I Am the Lamb of God: John 1:16-18, 29 and 19:1-3,28-30

8 and 10am – Holy Communion

March 28 – Palm/Passion Sunday

8am – Holy Communion and Reading of the Passion Gospel

10am – Service begins at the Family

Center with the Palm Sunday Procession.

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PeacePrints Editorial Info

Submissions for April 2010

The submission deadline for the April issue of *PeacePrints* is March 14. Please e-mail items to Katherine Geeslin at office@popwh.org or put articles on a disk and leave them in the "Office Administrator's" box in the Church office. Make sure to include a printed copy of your article. Please call Katherine at (818) 346-6968 with questions. *PeacePrints* welcomes expressions of all views. Articles should be brief and are subject to editing. **The author must be identified.** Thanks!

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Dr. Packer urged Christians to “pray for your clergy, stand behind them as they seek to adjust” congregational patterns to the need for intensive grounding in the Christian essentials. “Every parish priest,” he said, “should be — among other things— a catechist.”

The exciting thing about this is there are so many ways to engage in this life long catechism. Alpha course, classes, books, tapes, sermons, classes, blogs, social networks, small groups, the way of exploration of our faith is almost endless. The question is... how are you doing?

*In Christ,
Fr. Rand †*

Youth MINISTRY

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March Calendar

- 3 Homework Club – 6:30-8:30pm
- 7 Middle School meeting from 4-6pm
High School meeting from 7-8:30pm
- 10 Homework Club – 6:30-8:30pm
- 12 St. Patrick's Theme Games Night
- 14 Middle School meeting from 4-6pm
High School meeting from 7-8:30pm
- 17 Homework Club – 6:30-8:30pm
- 21 Middle School meeting from 4-6pm
High School meeting from 7-8:30pm
- 24 Homework Club – 6:30-8:30pm
- 28 Palm Sunday – no Sunday Meetings
– please plan to attend 10am worship.
- 31 Homework Club – 6:30-8:30pm

Lisa Michael †

POP Golf Club

The 2010 P.O.P. Golf Weekend is just around the corner! Friday, April 30 – Sunday, May 2 we will be traveling south to El Cajon, CA. Our destination is The Sycuan Resort and Casino (<http://www.sycuanresort.com/>). We



will be playing on 2 of their 3 courses. If you're looking to improve your game, there are great practice facilities as well as an 18-hole par 3 course that is most challenging.

If bingo, slots, and other games of chance are your passion, there is a courtesy van to the Casino available 24 hrs.

If you would like a facial, massage, manicure, there is an on-site spa. We are negotiating on spa rates for our group and will forward information soon.

Please sign up with Bud Fanton or Larry Totter on the patio on Sundays after services so we can secure our rooms.

*Bud Fanton †
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Children & Families MINISTRY

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Journey to the Cross

The children of Prince of Peace and their friends are invited to come experience Jesus' journey to the cross.

Join the POP Champions Tour Group, receive a passport and begin your journey as we walk in the footsteps of Jesus during Holy Week and visit different stations and sites.

Our Journey to the Cross takes place on Sunday, March 28 at 10am. No need to pack, we will have everything you need for your journey.

God Bless You,
Monica & the Champions Team †

March Calendar

- 07 Champions Parables & Nursery 10am
- 09 MOPS & Moppets 9:30 – 11:30am
- 14 Champions Parables & Nursery 10am
- 21 Champions Parables & Nursery 10am
- 28 Champions Journey to the Cross & Nursery 10am
“The Big Fill” in Taylor Hall after 10am service

Special Thank You - to the Champions children for another delicious Pretzel Sunday and to our fantastic children's team of Micheline & Art Luciani, Gloria Pettinelli, Gina Pettinelli, Cara Gordon, Jesslyn Bothwell, Crystal Bradley, Church Mike & Margie Pavlowsky, Elizabeth Bates, Allison Torgove, Hillary Dworkoski.

Thanks!

Dinner Club Thank You

The Dinner Club fundraiser for the Food Pantry was a huge success! The total amount, after all the smoke cleared away, was \$2380. What a blessing you all are! In these difficult economic times, you just keep on giving!

We'd like to thank **Ann and Stu Finke** for hosting and organizing the event. Also, the committee, **Sidney & Jim Wrigley, Mary & John Little, Barbara & Andrew Pullinger, Gloria & Romeo Pettinelli, Margaret Shively and Ginny Kreuzberger.** Taylor Hall looked lovely and the food was great!

Jack Buhn and Chrissie Lovold did a great job on the White Elephant Auction. We know you all have lots of great things for the next rummage sale, but it was a lot of fun.

It's a pleasure to be your Dinner Club leaders and we look forward to our next function which will be in May at the home of **Marge and Ted Stanton.**

Blessings to you all,
**Mary Lou Hedrick, Ginny Kreuzberger,
Diane Mitchell, Sandi Totter** †

ECW (Episcopal Church Women) Cookie Exchange

There will be a Cookie Exchange get together on Sunday, March 21 after church in the Guild Room. Bring two dozen cookies to share. Sign up on the patio after church with Nancy Alspaugh-Jackson or Dauna Packer. All women are welcome. Come meet and fellowship with your sisters in Christ.

Dauna Packer †

Blessing of the Animals



The Sunday after Easter, April 11 at 10am, we will have our Annual Blessing of the Animals Day. Interesting that when we bless something, we focus our attention

on the perfection that God put into that thing/person/animal when God created it.

Here is a wonderful prayer in thanksgiving for the gift of Animals:

“Almighty Father, we bless these animals for all they have done in supplying our food, in carrying our burdens, providing us with clothing and companionship and tendering a service to the human race since the world began.” In Jesus Name. Amen.

Bring dogs (on leashes), cats, hamsters (in cages), fish, etc. for a wonderful celebration of the fullness of God's creation. Plush animals are welcome!

Parish Family Notes

Next **Baptism** will be 8pm on Saturday, April 3, 2010: The Great Vigil of Easter. If you are interested in the Sacrament of Baptism for yourself, or you are inquiring for someone else, please contact the parish office at (818) 346-6968.

The **Work Party** on Saturday, February 20 was a great success! When you see any of the following parishioners at Church, take a moment to thank them. They all exhibit the stewardship that builds the community of Prince of Peace:

- **George Packer, John Arnold, Wally Harrison & Roman Melnyk** worked on Taylor Hall lighting.
- **Joe & Dylan Stewart** whacked and mowed weeds in the north 40.
- **Stu Finke & Dan Hedrick** spackled and painted the Sacristy.
- **Sig Petersen** hauled 2 truck loads of electronic waste to the recyclers.
- **Jim Baker, Sue Ferron, Hank Suzukawa** fixed chairs & kneelers.
- **Dauna Packer** steam cleaned the kitchen stove.
- **Chuck Wathen** fixed faucets and bathroom fixtures.
- **Marill Samuel** cleaned and organized storage spaces.
- **Rand Reasoner** cleaned tables and walkways.

Special thanks to **Don Garner** who for years and years has been the facilitator of the worship service that Prince of Peace conducts every Sunday afternoon at the Motion Picture Home in Calabasas. Don has not only been the liaison between our parish and the Chaplain at the home, but also has scheduled our volunteers to lead music, lead worship, share a homily and communion with residents of the home. Don has stepped down from this position (**George Packer** is the new coordinator) but will gratefully continue to play piano for one of the worship teams. Next time you see Don, please thank him for his years of service to this ministry.

Welcome to **Blake Somdal**, who just served for the first time as an acolyte.

Easter Flowers

The Altar Guild invites you to remember your loved ones and special occasions with Easter Flower Dedications.

Blue Altar Guild envelopes can be found in the pew racks. Dedications turned in by March 28 will be listed in the Easter bulletin.

Thank you!

Sue Bridges †



Holy Week 2010

Sunday, March 28 – Palm/Passion Sunday
8 and 10am – Holy Communion and Reading of the Passion Gospel
10am – Service begins at the Family Center with the Palm Sunday Procession
5pm – Evening Communion Service.
Water to Wine leads worship.

Thursday, April 1 – Maundy (Command) Thursday
Noon – Holy Communion in the Chapel
7pm – Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altar in the Sanctuary, Watch With Me Vigil” begins in the Chapel

Friday, April 2 – Good Friday
Noon – Good Friday Liturgy in the Chapel
7pm – Good Friday Liturgy in the Sanctuary

Saturday, April 3 – Holy Saturday
8pm – Easter Vigil: Service of Light, Lessons, Christian Initiation/Renewal of Baptismal Vows and Holy Communion

Sunday, April 4 – Feast of the Resurrection/ Easter Sunday
8 and 10am – Festal Communion/ Flowering of the Cross
Easter Egg Hunts will follow both services.
The two services are identical. Seating is easier to find at 8am

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