

Reflecting on my Ordination Vows - Part 2

Will you undertake to be a faithful pastor to all whom you are called to serve, laboring together with them and with your fellow ministers to build up the family of God?
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Fr. John Inserra

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One of the things a Priest is called to be is a Pastor. One of the questions I am often asked is what is the difference between Pastor and Priest? Pastor in New Testament times referred to those who had gifts of leadership and care for the people, it was seen as a gifting to build up the church. Priest came to mean one who held that responsibility of leadership and oversight sharing the ministry of Bishops and Apostles. In a sense, the priest is the day to day presence of Apostolic Ministry in a certain place. Pastoring is a part of priestly ministry, along with sacramental responsibilities, preaching responsibilities, administrative responsibilities, and responsibilities to the wider church outside of a parish.

Part of my ordination vow is to not lose sight of that pastoring aspect in the midst of everything else, but that is not all it says. The vow I took says I am to work with the same people I pastor, and fellow ministers, to do this very thing. We are blessed to have several gifted Pastors (that I am know of and surely several yet to be discerned) in our congregation. One of them is our Deacon Juanita Smith – she has a gift to care for God's people – and you may have seen her ministering in nursing homes and care facilities around Sheridan. Donna Kuehne – a member of our church and Vestry – also shares in this ministry as well, if you have been in the hospital recently you have probably seen her. Our Lay Eucharistic Ministers share this ministry as well.

Recently I had a great conversation with a small group of people who have the gifts of a Pastor, asking them to share in this ministry as well. The logistics of this is yet to be worked out, but you will hear more soon. Right now I am asking 2 things.

- 1) If you feel you have Pastoral gifts, i.e., visiting the sick or those in the hospital, let me know. It is important to me that we see showing love and care to our community as one of the ways we show the love of Christ in our community. I know this task is not for everyone, but if you are someone who gets joy from praying for and bringing cheer to someone who is sick, I would love to speak more to you about this.
- 2) If you are sick, facing surgery, or some health setback, please let me know or let Karon know in the office. Privacy laws are becoming stricter and I cannot guarantee that we will know everyone who is in the hospital if you don't tell us.

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Who is my neighbor?

I believe it was three weeks ago now that Fr. John preached about the parable of the good Samaritan. It is a familiar story, as is the basic point it makes: we ought to love our neighbors. Jesus' interlocutor in the story knew this, too. But the really tricky part is uncovered by his question, "Who is my neighbor?" The story Jesus tells encourages us to shift from asking this question, which is usually a way of dividing up people into those whom we need to treat decently and those whom we do not. Instead, we are encouraged to think about what it means to be a neighbor to others. It means we treat them with value and dignity, just as we would be treated, and we meet their needs in concrete ways as we are able to do so.

It is presently convention season. I have not had occasion to watch much of either one, but I caught a bit of a speech the other evening as I made a quick trip to the store. I heard something that caught my attention: "We are all neighbors. And we must love neighbors as ourselves."

"Exactly!" I thought. What a rare sentiment to hear expressed at a political convention and what need there is for us to remember it. A bit further on in the same speech, however, the speaker was indulging in mockery and contempt for his political opponent (and encouraging the audience to join in). It should be fairly clear that mockery and contempt are not part of the love of our neighbors. It is easy to spot inconsistency in others but much harder to detect in ourselves.

The constant struggle for us as followers of Jesus is to let what he calls us to permeate every area of our lives, not setting aside certain domains where we live by different rules. This election season let us examine our hearts. Let the way we engage with politics be an example of the way faith changes us and not an exception to it. Donald Trump is your neighbor. Hillary Clinton is your neighbor. One, or perhaps both, of them might make you mad or make your skin crawl. Try praying for them and see what God does in your heart. Their supporters are your neighbors. Pray for them, too, and treat them with respect. Consider the model set for us by the good Samaritan. Go and do likewise.

St. Peter's Ministry Schedule • August 2016

LEMS	Lay Readers	Ushers Greeters	Acolytes	Altar Guild
August 7	August 7	August 7	August 7	August 7
A: Juanita Smith B: Peggy Sorvik C: Juanita Smith	7:30 F&S Asmus 10:00 S. Peddicord L. Outland	7:30 V Gale 10:00 D. Stewart K. Ferguson M. Dailey S. Mentock	N. Haworth	7:30 J. Spell 10:00 M. Black
August 14	August 14	August 14	August 14	August 14
A: None B: None C: Juanita Smith	7:30 L. Galloway 10:00 P. Dorsch B. Thompson	7:30 P&C Clark 10:00 F&G Boley S. Tharaldson C. Nicholls	M. Black N. Haworth	7:30 S. Amsus 10:00 C.Rideout
August 21	August 21	August 21	August 21	August 21
A: None B: None C: Juanita Smith	7:30 H. Duell 10:00 S&S Peddicord	7:30 F&S Asmus 10:00 D. Goodwin R&L Rossa K. Ferguson	B. St. John M. Fritz	7:30 S. Bedard 10:00 K. Nicolarsen
August 28	August 28	August 28	August 28	August 28
A: None B: None C: Juanita Smith	7:30 S. Bedard 10:00 P. Haworth L. Helvey	7:30 D. Kuehne 10:00 S. Tharaldson S. Mentock R&J Prusak	K. Alsup L. Alsup	7:30 C. Rideout 10:00 K. Nicolarsen

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(WESTVIEW: Phil Dorsch)*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Pentecost 	1	2 10:00 HS 1:00 SRS	3 St. Nick's Crafters 9am	4 Red Door 10-3pm	5	6
7 12 Pentecost 7:30 HE 9:00 SS 10:00 HE	8	9 10:00 HS 1:00 SRS	10 St. Nick's Crafters 9am <i>Conf. Room Reserved 7pm</i>	11 Red Door 10-3pm	12	13
14 13 Pentecost 7:30 HE 9:00 SS 10:00 HE <i>Church services in Parish Hall 2nd Phase</i>	15 <i>Parish Hall Reserved for 2 P.M.</i>	16 10:00 HS 1:00 SRS <i>Parish Hall Reserved all day</i>	17 St. Nick's Crafters 9am	18 Red Door 10-3pm	19	20
21 14 Pentecost 7:30 HE 9:00 SS 10:00 HE <i>Parish Hall Reserved 4:30 P.M.</i>	22	23 10:00 HS 1:00 SRS	24 St. Nick's Crafters 9am	25 Red Door 10-3pm	26	27 
28 15 Pentecost 7:30 HE 9:00 SS 10:00 HE	29	30 10:00 HS 1:00 SRS	31 St. Nick's Crafters 9am			

HE: Holy Eucharist * SS: Sunday School * HS: Healing Service * SRS: Sugarland Ridge

.....Fr. John continued.

If you are at Sheridan Memorial and in the ER, Women’s Health or Pediatrics, there is a very good chance we will not see you on the religion list due to privacy laws. More than once we have visited the hospital daily only to find out someone spent a week in a certain wing of the hospital and we did not know due to privacy issues. Also, if you are in the VA, we will not know you are there unless you tell us as they are even more strict with privacy laws.

Part of my vow is to make sure we have ways of obtaining the information and then empowering the people with Pastoral gifts to use them. This is just the beginning of this process and I look forward to seeing where God leads but am excited to see people with pastoral gifts being raised up for the benefit of the church.

John+



- 8/01 Charles Bassett
- Jack Fritz
- 8/04 Tina Mediate
- James Buchanan
- 8/08 Jim Bedard
- Craig Isakson
- 8/09 Donna Landon
- 8/10 Corey Hansford
- 8/13 William Patton
- Kathy McNickle
- Zhoe Calkins
- 8/14 Nate Haworth
- 8/16 Janet Holcomb
- Suzie Schatz-Benson
- 8/17 Rick Rossa
- Steven Waddell
- Ryan King
- 8/19 Kelly Buchanan
- 8/20 Bradley Holloway
- 8/21 Jerry Gardner
- 8/22 George Gligoria
- 8/23 Mary Dailey
- 8/24 Edward Pilch
- Mary Lee
- 8/25 Stopka
- Elise Crosby
- 8/26 Paul Wallop
- 8/27 Rod Obermiller
- Michele Fritz
- 8/29 Dorothy Lafferty
- Dawn Sopron
- 8/30 Beau Chamberlain



DIOCESAN CONVENTION COMES TO ST. PETER'S !!!

CONVENTION THEME:

"We Belong to God."



St. Peter's will be hosting the Diocesan Convention on October 7th-9th, which will be here in no time! With that being said, most of our main chairpersons are in place, but we are making a plea for more volunteers!

Here are areas to serve:

- A: Cookie bakers for Sunday Oct. 9th and breakfast helpers
- B: Serving in the Red Door, which will be open during convention weekend
- C: Persons who are willing be runners (setting up, hauling items, assisting in any area of need)
- D: Friendly Greeters at the Holiday Inn Convention Center
- E: Registration, checking people in (working in shifts)
- F: Hospitality Room Volunteers

If any of these areas appeal to you, please contact the convention chairpersons:

Rick and/or Roberta Thompson at [307.674.8578](tel:307.674.8578) or cell: [307.461.2775](tel:307.461.2775)

NOTE: Convention registration forms are available in the church office.

Many hands make work light!





"New Carpeting..." The process began on July 25, 2016.

We live in an extremely material culture, but we are not required to let money or "things" rule our lives. God gave us free will so we are free to choose what in this world is important to us. Much of what truly matters, money cannot buy. "Money can buy a house, but not a home. It can buy a clock, but not time. It can buy a book, but not knowledge. It can buy blood, but not health, so you see; money is not everything in life." -- Unknown

10 Things Money Cannot Buy

1. True and pure joy
2. Peace of mind
3. Ethics, morals
4. Authenticity, sincerity
5. Deeply rich relationships
6. Respect
7. Integrity
8. Talent and ability
9. Lost time
10. God's Love



To have these is to have a full and rich life.

Submitted by Juanita Esienach

Thank You

Thank you to all who so graciously gave of your time and talents to make the celebration for Liz Shelton such a success. We offer special thanks to Linda Ernst and Mary Carson for their tireless leadership. Fr. John, Lynne Outland & Sharon Bedard.

**The Sanctuary has new carpeting!!!
The week of August 8-12 new carpeting will be placed in the Choir and Altar area.**



Our thanks to all the members of the St. Peter's family for your support and help in preparing St. Peter's for Forrest's funeral. To those who baked, cooked and served for the family and friends, those who cleaned, polished and prepared the sanctuary and parish hall, those few but mighty who put the sanctuary pews to rights after the new carpet, to all the staff who worked mightily to make sure all flowed smoothly for the visitation and funeral, thank you from the bottoms of our hearts.

To the Fathers John, Deacon Juanita and Sharon Bedard, thank you for your parts in a lovely funeral service which was most fitting and respectful but was also a very personal farewell to Forrest from our church family.

Particularly to Father John I., thank you for your steady hand and gentle sense of humor as the (including renovations and street construction) consumed so much of your time and thoughts in the past week. Your words to the family and friends at the funeral perfectly portrayed a church and a community grieving and yet celebrating; and that's what it is all about in the end.

Chris and Laura Galloway



United Thank Offering

Sharing Blessings with Thanksgiving and Love

UTO is a spiritual and financial partner in the mission work of the Episcopal Church. Parishioners are asked to daily collect pocket change as a thank offering to God, reflecting on our own blessings.

All UTO funds go to support grants for ministries at home and overseas. Last year a donation of \$651.76 was received which came through by your generosity and thankful giving.

As a reminder, an "Ingathering" takes place every May and November. (UTO boxes are available in the church office however other containers work perfectly). Looking towards November's Ingathering!



Thankful Living - Thankful Giving

Operation Christmas Child
A PROJECT OF SAMARITAN'S PURSE AND A MINISTRY OF ST. PETER'S

ST. PETER'S HAS CHANGED HOW WE PACK SHOE BOXES

Beginning in early Fall, empty OCC shoe boxes and packing instructions will be available in the Narthex and Parish Hall. Parishioners are encouraged to pack boxes as individuals, families, or with a group of friends. We will not be packing boxes at the church this year.

BOXES WILL BE COLLECTED AT ST. PETER'S THROUGH EARLY NOVEMBER.

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St. Peter's Office Hours

9:00 am to 2:00 pm (Monday - Friday)

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The Diocan Convention Decorations Committee needs your help. We are looking for:

- Empty 4 oz aluminum cans (i.e., olives and green chillies)
- Pledges to donate pumpkins and gourds at harvest (all shapes and sizes welcome)
- Volunteers to help decorate the weekend of Convention (October 7-9)

Donated items can be left in the church office or given to Pam Standish or Wendy Gale.

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