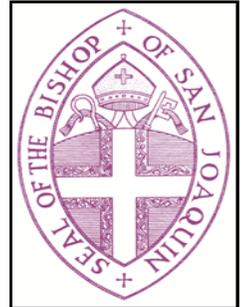


# THE SAN JOAQUIN ANGLICAN



## The Bishop's Corner

The Right Reverend Eric Vawter Menees

This summer the issue of marriage took center stage with the decision by the United States Supreme Court to change the definition of marriage. However, the Supreme Court has gotten it wrong in the past, the Dred Scott Decision, for example, said that African Americans – slave or free – could not be citizens of the United States and therefore had no constitutional rights. So too the Obergefell Decision got it wrong and we in the church will speak out for a return to the biblical understanding of marriage.

Why is this so important to the church? Well books can, and have, been written on the subject, and we are dedicating the upcoming convention to the topic, but in a nutshell scripture is clear that the relationship between one man and one woman in a life long marriage is analogous to Christ and the Church.

***“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.*** (Ephesians 5:31-33)

Just as in marriage a man and woman forego all other relationships so too we as the church, the bride of Christ, must forego all other relationships and commit ourselves to be faithful to Christ and His Church. His teachings are not set aside because they are not in sync with the current cultural morays.

A faithful biblical stance is not popular in today's culture but the church has never sought to be popular just faithful and true to Jesus Christ.

May the Lord bless you and keep you!

Bishop Menees

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## BISHOP'S SCHEDULE AND DIOCESAN CALENDAR

August 30-September 5—Bishop in Santiago, Chili for Consejo Ejecutivo Provincial

September 7—Diocesan Office Closed for Labor Day

September 8—45 Days prior to the Convention, see Diocesan Calendar for items due

December 8—Rural Deans Meeting

September 12—Bishop's Gathering of the Daughters

September 13—Bishop @ Good Shepherd, Reedley

September 19—Diocesan Council

September 20—Bishop @ St. Mary the Virgin, Manteca

September 22—Cathedral Congregations Steering Committee Meeting

September 23—30 Days prior to the Convention, see Diocesan Calendar for items due

September 24—Anniversary of Bishop Menees' Consecration

September 27—Bishop @ St. Michael and All Angels, Sonora

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## Did You Know?

- That approximately twenty young people either made a first commitment or recommitted their lives to Christ at Camp San Joaquin this summer? Thank you all for your ongoing support of Camp San Joaquin!
- That on July 18<sup>th</sup> the Fr. Aaron & Sarah Prosser welcomed the birth of their third child - Edmund James Prosser? Baby Edmund was born at 0925 hours, arriving at 8 lbs 9 oz and 20 inches long.
- That Fr. Wes Clare has been promoted to full Colonel in the Air National Guard? Congratulations Colonel Clare!
- That Deacon Phil Berghius has begun his ministry as Curate at St. Columba Church, Fresno? Welcome home Dcn. Phil!
- That Fr. Jonathan Kanary, former Curate at St. Columba Church, Fresno, has moved to Waco, TX to start an English PhD program with a concentration in Religion and Literature at Baylor University?



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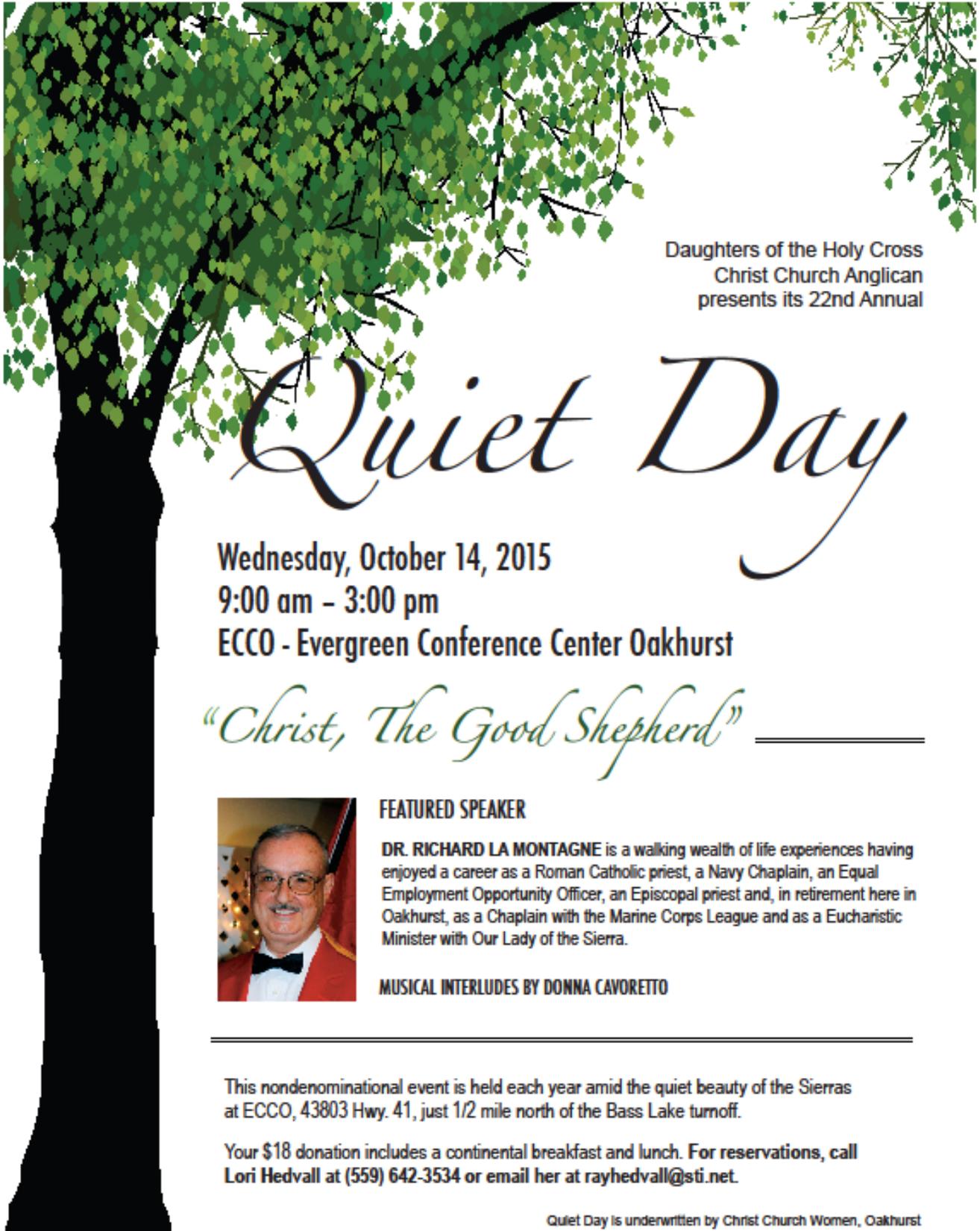
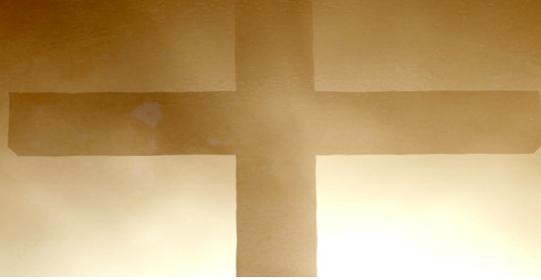
## Clergy Wives Retreat

October 2-4, 2015

Cost per person for 2 nights, 5 meals:  
Private: \$248 Doubles: \$170 Quad: \$158  
R.V. or Day Use & Meals: \$112  
Youth (4-12): \$142



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Daughters of the Holy Cross  
Christ Church Anglican  
presents its 22nd Annual

# Quiet Day

Wednesday, October 14, 2015

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

ECCO - Evergreen Conference Center Oakhurst

*“Christ, The Good Shepherd”*



#### FEATURED SPEAKER

**DR. RICHARD LA MONTAGNE** is a walking wealth of life experiences having enjoyed a career as a Roman Catholic priest, a Navy Chaplain, an Equal Employment Opportunity Officer, an Episcopal priest and, in retirement here in Oakhurst, as a Chaplain with the Marine Corps League and as a Eucharistic Minister with Our Lady of the Sierra.

MUSICAL INTERLUDES BY DONNA CAVORETTO

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This nondenominational event is held each year amid the quiet beauty of the Sierras at ECCO, 43803 Hwy. 41, just 1/2 mile north of the Bass Lake turnoff.

Your \$18 donation includes a continental breakfast and lunch. For reservations, call Lori Hedvall at (559) 642-3534 or email her at [rayhedvall@sti.net](mailto:rayhedvall@sti.net).

Quiet Day is underwritten by Christ Church Women, Oakhurst

# SCHOOL FOR CHAPLAINS

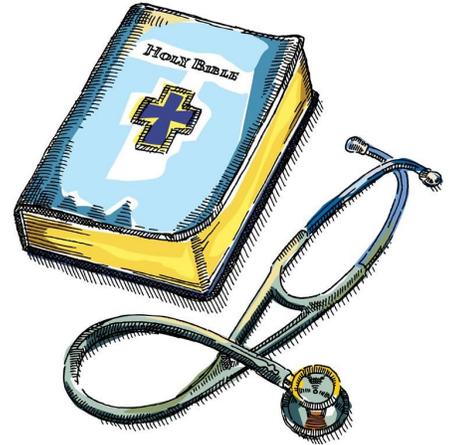
*Delayed One Month*

## Purpose:

To train, equip & support lay men & women of the Diocese of San Joaquin to serve as Christian Chaplains in governmental & other agencies as an endorsed chaplain of the Anglican Diocese of San Joaquin.

## Requirements:

- Confirmed Communicant in Good Standing 18 years of age & older
- Letter of Recommendation from Rector, Vicar or Deacon-In-Charge
- Successful Completion of School for Chaplains
- Successful Completion of legal background check
- Successful Completion of online Protecting Children & Elder Care
- Ability to volunteer for 4 hours a month MINIMUM.
- Willingness to participate in monthly follow up & support meetings.

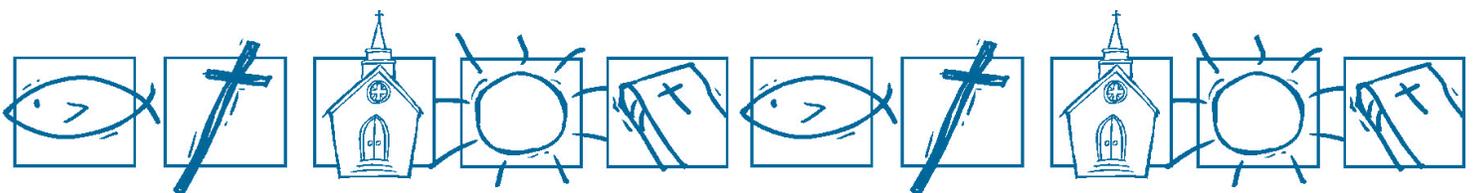


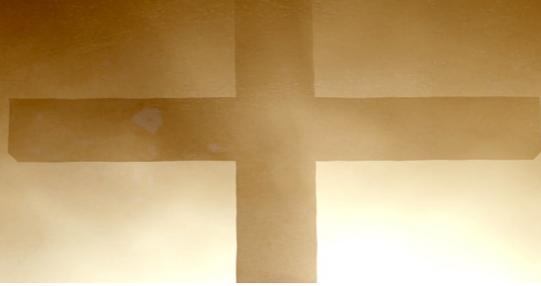
## Trainings:

- Bishop Menees will teach classes with the assistance of other qualified leaders in the diocese.
- Trainings will be held in the Bishop's Conference Room at St. James Cathedral on Wednesday evenings 6:30 - 8:30 (*WebEx attendance for those too far away to make it in person on Wednesday evenings may be possible on a case-by-case basis.*)
- **Training Dates: October 7, 14, 21 & 28; November 4 & 11, December 9 & 16.**
- Commissioning Service will be held after the first of the year at St. James Cathedral, Fresno.

## Applications:

Please call the Bishop's Assistant Corey McLaughlin at 559-244-4828 or email him at [administrator@dioceseofsanjoaquin.net](mailto:administrator@dioceseofsanjoaquin.net) to **sign up for this course by Friday, September 25, 2015.**





# *Diocesan Anglican Church Women* **Honored Woman's Luncheon**

*Hosted by ACW of Saint James'*

**Saturday, October 10, 2015**  
**11:30 ~ 2:00 pm**

Fort Washington Golf & Country Club  
10272 N. Millbrook Ave.  
Fresno, CA 93730

**Cost: \$20.00 per person**



Honored Woman's Biography, Reservations, & Full Payment must be received by October 1, 2015

Questions: Please Call Barbara Brotsis (559) 284-2775

- A day to show the women in our lives our appreciation for everything they do!
- Delicious Lunch, Dessert, and Beverage served
- Raffle Prizes
- ACW—Diocese of San Joaquin brief business meeting will be held and Bishop Eric Menees will give a short talk.

*(Please detach bottom portion of ticket and return with your check)*

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Attendee Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Attendee Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Salad Options (choose one): Chef's Salad \_\_\_\_\_ Grilled Salmon \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Caesar \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Payment: \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to **St. James' Cathedral**, on the memo line please enter **ACW-HWL**

Send to: St. James' Cathedral, 4147 E. Dakota Ave., Fresno, CA 93726 no later than **Friday, October 1, 2015**

## Update from Jaycee Lucero-Arts Mission Trip to Chili



Hey Everyone!

I leave for Chile in less than a month! I am so excited and ready for this new adventure to happen! I want to talk about where I am going to be and what I will be doing on my mission trip.

The name of the city I will be living in is called Temuco. I will be living with my missionary family, Heidi and Russ Smith, along with three of their children, Joshua, Joyanne, and Jocelyn.

My schedule is kind of crazy, but manageable! Mondays will be my "day-off".

On Tuesdays, I will be working at a rural school in Mentrenco, where I will help teach English to kindergarteners with a lady from the church I will be attending and teach softball to the older kids. This school teaches children from Kindergarten to 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

On Wednesday mornings, I will be going to the Anglican Church's Deaf School with a Pastor who does a Bible class with the kids! Fun Fact: Temuco is the only city in all of Chile where the Anglican Church has a deaf school! On Wednesday afternoons, I will help with a music workshop in the Anglican Church in CholChol.

On Thursday afternoons, I will go with Joshua to Renacer, a Christian school for kids who come from dysfunctional families, and hangout and teach softball to the kids there. Afterwards, I will help Joshua out with chapel and spend the night in the girl's dorm. Then on Friday mornings, I will help Joshua teach English to the 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> graders.

On Saturday mornings, I will help with the Evangelism Explosion for Kids Program at San Mateo Church in Temuco. It is a discipleship training ministry for children that WINS kids to Christ, GROUNDS them in their faith, and EQUIPS them to share the Gospel. Afterwards, I will participate in the youth group with Jocelyn.

Lastly, on Sunday mornings, I will be in church at San Mateo and I might be on a worship team. In addition, I am going to be taking some classes to help me with my Spanish once a week with the Bishop's son.

The Lord is putting me to work in several ways and I can't wait for what is to come! Heidi has described it as a puzzle; everything is falling into place and fitting in; this must be something that He really wants me to do!

I also would like to say that I have met my fundraising goal of approximately \$5,375 and have exceeded it greatly! Thank you to everyone for making this possible, but especially to my church, Christ the King Anglican Church. It is great knowing that there are people who love and support me in what I want to do! I can't describe how much it means to me! I plan on blogging, while I am in Chile and share what I am experiencing with everyone, so please follow me on my journey! Thank you for reading!

You may follow Jaycee on her blog at <http://jaycee-temucochilemissiontrip.blogspot.com/>.



# Urgent Relief Needs in Myanmar & South Sudan



*ARDF is partnering with Anglicans in Myanmar to provide urgent relief to communities affected by flooding.*

## Flooding in Myanmar

Over the last couple of weeks, devastating floods and landslides have caused numerous deaths and affected hundreds of thousands of people in Myanmar. Rising flood waters and landslides have engulfed homes and cut off vast parts of the country, creating an immediate need for clean water, food, housing, medical care, and counseling to avoid further death and suffering.

### How You Can Get Involved:

**1. Pray:** Compassionate God, draw near to our brothers and sisters in Myanmar in this time of sorrow and anguish, comfort those who mourn, strengthen those who are weary, encourage those in despair, and lead us all to fullness of life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

**2. Give:** [Donate Now](#)



## Refugee Crisis in South Sudan

ARDF has received an appeal for emergency funding from trusted Anglican partners who are providing vital assistance to refugees fleeing escalating violence in South Sudan.

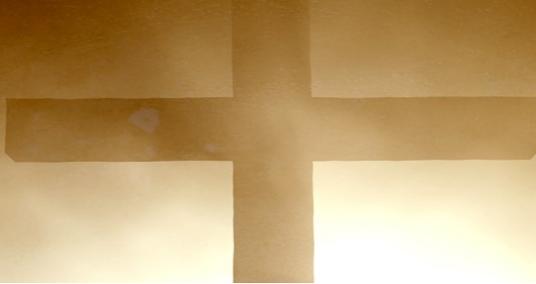
[Learn more about the crisis here.](#)

### How You Can Get Involved:

**1. Pray:** Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and forever. Amen

**2. Give:** [Donate Now](#)





# The Matthew 25 Initiative

## About the Initiative

The **Matthew 25 Initiative** is an ACNA initiative to develop North American churches and non-profit ministries who serve the poor and needy. It was born out of the heart of Archbishop Foley Beach and the desire of an anonymous donor to empower new and expanding ministry programs and financially establish ministries for a future of long-term social work.

## History

Upon Archbishop Beach's request, The Rev. Canon David Roseberry, Provincial Canon for Mission, launched a pilot project earlier this year that matched \$104,500 in newly raised gifts, for a total of \$209,000 across eight North American ministries. Ministries were selected for their vision and impact, making a positive, Christ-centered difference in areas of social and economic relief as well as urban and family development.



## Next Steps

We are now ready to launch the Matthew 25 Initiative on a broader scale. We are currently accepting applications for matching grants in the range of \$3,000 to \$25,000. If you represent a church or non-profit ministry with plans to start a new program or expand an existing one, with the vision to meet a real human need while sharing the Gospel of God's Grace to those served, we encourage you to submit an application.

Please submit your application to Canon Roseberry no later than September 15, 2015. If your ministry receives a matching grant, funds will be set aside and distributed upon demonstration of new donations and pledges raised in response to the matching challenge.



The Matthew 25 Initiative is an opportunity for the ACNA to grow into a voice on behalf of the weak, the poor, the marginalized, and the oppressed (Isaiah 58, Matthew 25), and to develop strong, healthy, long-term ministries that will last for decades. We pray for real kingdom transformation. Come, let us dream together!



To read more about the history of how the Matthew 25 Initiative was started go to: <http://anglicanchurch.net/?/main/page/1092>.



## THE DIOCESE OF SAN JOAQUIN

ANGLICAN CHURCH IN NORTH AMERICA

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### THE DIOCESE OF SAN JOAQUIN

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#### **NOTIFICATION OF DIOCESAN CONVENTION**

*The Vision of the Bishop, Council, and Standing Committee of the Diocese of San Joaquin is:*

*To Lead an Apostolic Community, Under Authority, That Brings People to Jesus Christ*

**To: All Parishes, Missions, and Clergy of the Diocese of San Joaquin:**

**From: The Rev. Gordon Kamai, Secretary of Convention**

In accordance with Article V, Sections 3 of the Constitution of the Diocese of San Joaquin, notice is hereby given that the Fifty-Sixth Annual Convention of the Diocese of San Joaquin will convene at St. James' Cathedral, Fresno, California October 23 - October 24, 2015.

**Proposed Constitutional Changes must be submitted not later than July 25, 2015 to**

The Canons and Constitution Review Task Force  
4159 E. Dakota Ave., Fresno, CA 93726  
[administrator@dioceseofsanjoaquin.net](mailto:administrator@dioceseofsanjoaquin.net)

**Proposed Canonical Changes must be submitted not later than August 24, 2015 to**

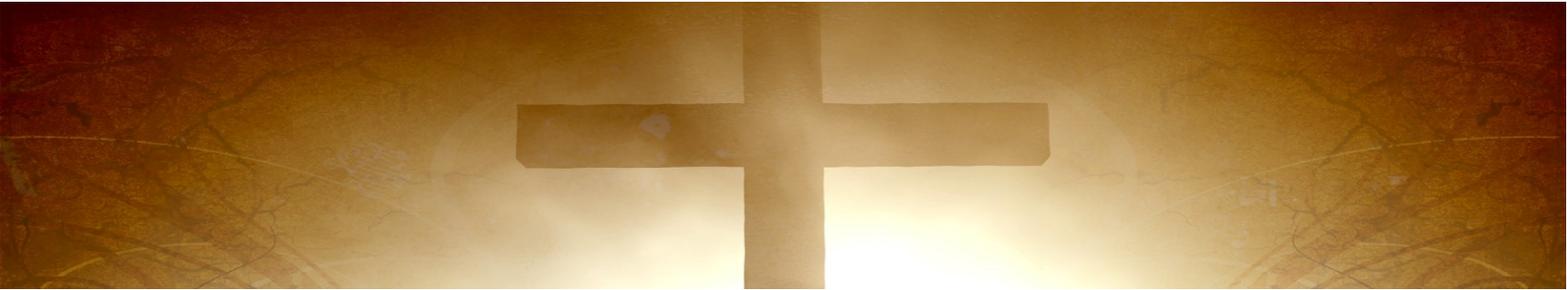
The Canons and Constitution Review Task Force  
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**Resolutions must be submitted not later than August 24, 2015 to**

Committee on Resolutions  
The Rev. Michael Sclafani  
6175 E. Kings Canyon Rd., Fresno, CA 93727  
[rector@stmarvofresno.com](mailto:rector@stmarvofresno.com)

**Nominations must be submitted not later than September 8, 2015 to**

Committee on Nominations  
Mr. John Pryor  
304 Bravado Lane, Bakersfield, CA 93312  
[johnpryorqrm@gmail.com](mailto:johnpryorqrm@gmail.com)



**NOMINATION FORM 2015**

Please use this nomination form to submit nominations for positions which will appear on the ballot at the October 23 - 24, 2015 Diocesan Convention. The notice of convention lists those organizations seeking elected members. Nominees should bear the approval of the nominee's vestry or bishop's committee. Nominees should send a **brief biography** along with a **picture** to the Nomination Committee.

Name of person nominated: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish/Mission and City: \_\_\_\_\_

Position nominated for: \_\_\_\_\_

Has this person accepted the nomination? (*circle one*): Yes No

Yes, I accept the nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature of Nominee)

Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_

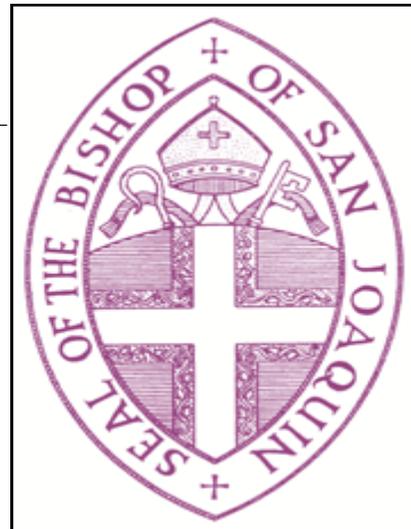
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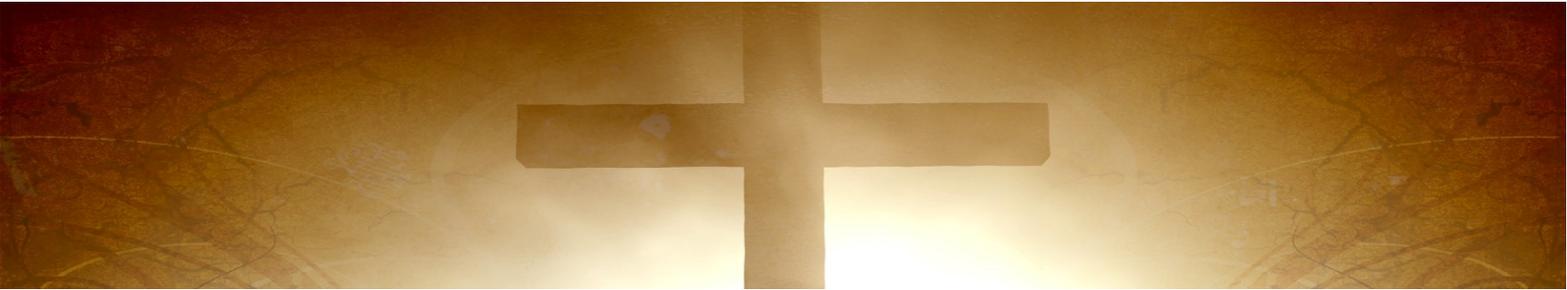
**Please return this form by September 8th to:**

Mr. John Pryor  
304 Bravado Lane  
Bakersfield, CA 93312

or via email: [johnpryorqrm@gmail.com](mailto:johnpryorqrm@gmail.com)

Forms also available on line at  
<http://www.dioceseofsanjoaquin.net/convention.html>





## Convention 2015 Ministry Fair Table Application

*Every application is subject to Bishop Menees' approval.  
Every application is for one-half of a long rectangular table.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Church and City: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Ministry Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe your ministry below:

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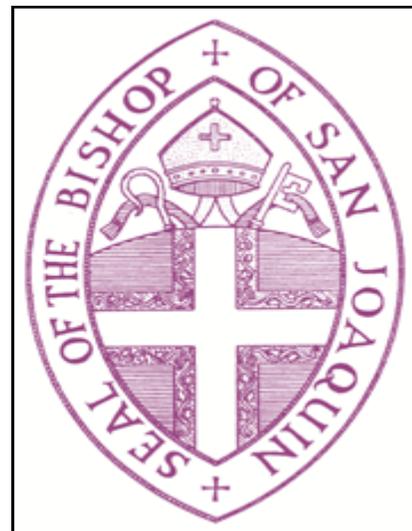
***Applications are due to the Diocesan Office no later than September 23, 2015.***

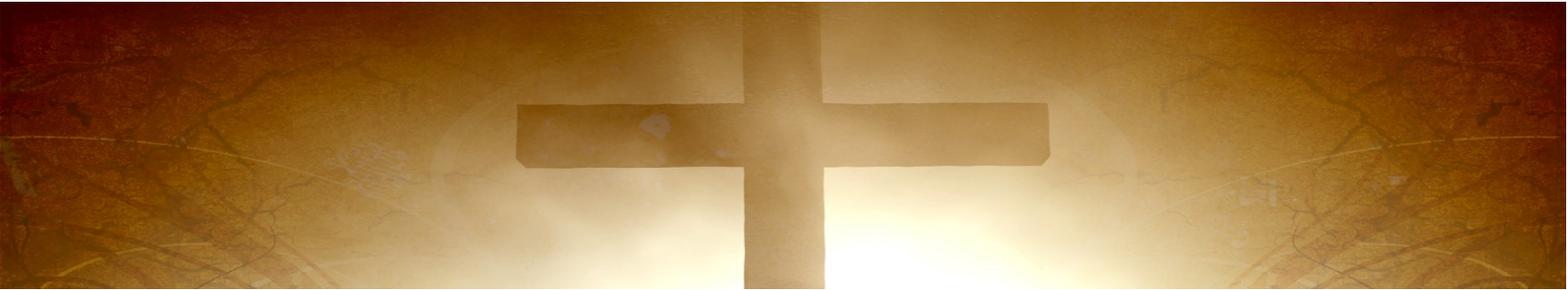
Diocese of San Joaquin  
Attention: Ministry Tables  
4159 E. Dakota Ave.  
Fresno, CA 93726

or via email to:

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# Meal Request Form for Diocesan Convention October 23 - October 24, 2015

**DUE: October 2, 2015**

NOTE TO ALL CHURCHES: One "Meal Request Form" must be sent (or submitted via the online form) for every individual requesting a meal, *but you may send one check for all members of your delegation if you wish*. Please put "Convention" and the number and type of meals being paid for in the MEMO line of your check (eg. "Convention: 4 Lunches, 2 Dinners").

Please submit the reservation forms and all payments by Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Make checks payable to the Diocese of San Joaquin. The address to use is: Diocese of San Joaquin, ATTENTION: CONVENTION, 4159 E. Dakota Ave., Fresno, CA 93726. Reservations CANNOT be made by phone, though you can scan and email/FAX the paper form OR use the online form that will be posted on the website. Reservations will not be considered as being made unless and until payment is also received. If you have any questions please call 1-559-244-4828 and ask for Raul, or email: [receptionist@dioceseofsanjoaquin.net](mailto:receptionist@dioceseofsanjoaquin.net).

IMPORTANT NOTE RE: MEAL SUBSTITUTIONS: All last minute Alternates (i.e. any change made after Friday, 10/9/15) will only receive the choices of the Delegate they are replacing—no substitutions will be possible (ex. Cannot change meal from Roast beef to Ham, or from Vegetarian to a meat option).

IMPORTANT NOTE RE: INDIVIDUALS NOT PART OF A DELEGATION: Any individuals who are not part of an official delegation are welcome to purchase a meal for Convention, but they must do so in advance. *We are only able to guarantee food for those who have submitted a Meal Request Form by Friday, 10/2/15.*

## ONLY ONE PERSON PER REQUEST FORM

First AND Last Name of Individual: \_\_\_\_\_

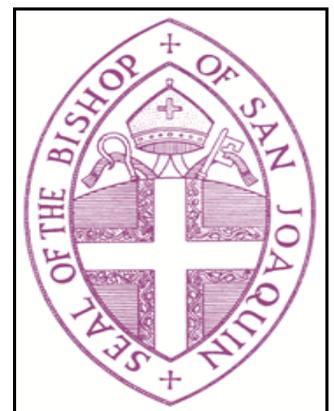
Church Name (of where you are a delegate; "n/a" if not a delegate): \_\_\_\_\_

City (location of church, or city of residence if not a delegate): \_\_\_\_\_

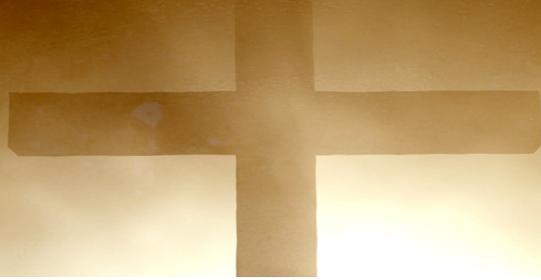
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## FRIDAY LUNCH - SANDWICH OR SALAD: \$9.00/person

*(pick either a sandwich option or a salad option, not both)*

Both Sandwich and Salad selections come with a side of potato chips, and with a cookie for dessert. For Sandwiches: your bread, meat, and cheese options are below. Lettuce, onions, tomatoes, wax peppers, mayo, and mustard will be available to add as desired.

IMPORTANT NOTE RE: ALL MEALS: last minute Alternates (i.e. any change made after Friday, 10/9) will only receive the option of the Delegate they are replacing—no substitutions will be possible (ex. Cannot change meal from Roast beef to Ham, or from Vegetarian to a meat option.)

### Are you choosing the Sandwich Option?

- Yes, see my choices below.
- No, I'm going with the Salad option.

#### Bread Type (choose one)

- Italian White
- Wheat
- Gluten Free

#### Meat Type (choose one)

- Ham
- Roast Beef
- No Meat

#### Cheese Type (choose one)

- Provolone
- American
- No Cheese

#### Do you want a gluten free cookie instead of a regular one?

- Yes – gluten free, please!
- No – regular is just fine.

#### Salad Options (choose from below if you did not choose the above Sandwich option)

##### Salad Type:

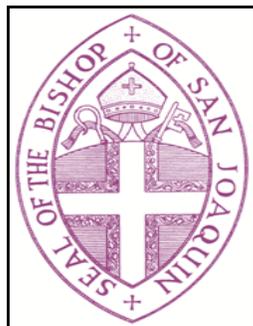
- Grilled Chicken
- Garden (Vegetarian)

##### Gluten Free? (to avoid croutons, etc.)

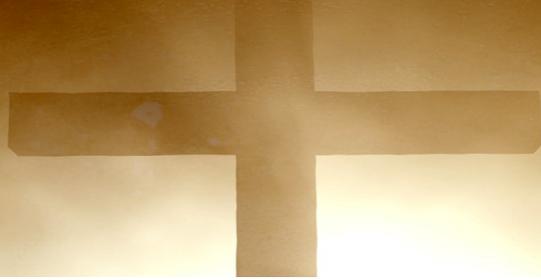
- Yes – Gluten free, please!
- No – Regular is just fine

##### Do you also want a gluten free cookie?

- Yes – Gluten free, please!
- No – Regular is just fine



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## FRIDAY BANQUET: \$13.00/person

(Select 1 [one] option from the Dessert and Entree Sections Below)

**IMPORTANT NOTE RE: ALL MEALS:** last minute Alternates (i.e. any change made after Friday, 10/9) will only receive the option of the Delegate they are replacing—no substitutions will be possible (ex. Cannot change meal from Pot Roast to California Pasta, or vice versa.)

### Dessert Options

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cheesecake         | <input type="checkbox"/> Apple Cobbler with Vanilla Ice Cream |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gluten Free Cookie | <input type="checkbox"/> None                                 |

### Will the options below need to be Gluten Free?

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes – Gluten free, please! | <input type="checkbox"/> No – Regular is fine across the board |
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### Meal Option 1: Pot Roast with mashed potatoes, vegetables, and dinner rolls

- This one!

### Meal Option 2: Chicken Cordon Bleu with rice pilaf, vegetables, and dinner rolls

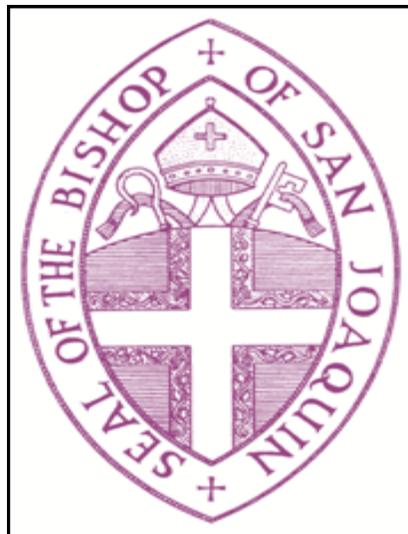
- This one!

### Meal Option 3 (Vegetarian): California Pasta

- This one!

### RE: Individuals not Part of an Official Delegation:

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## Thanksgiving Day In September

*Taddled from Jamestown Churchman  
(50 years ago in The Anglican Digest)*

In recent years there has been much digging to find record of a Thanksgiving Day in Virginia prior to the one at Plymouth in 1620. The search has revealed one in 1619 at Berkeley “to give thanks to God for safe crossing of a stormy Atlantic.” More recently has come to light an “Order to celebrate in Virginia the day of landing ... as an Annual Thanksgiving Day.” That would be 13 May 1607.

The Puritans got the term “Thanksgiving Day” from the Canons of the Church of England, but since they were unsympathetic to the Church they not only held it on another day but also called it by another name. The truth is that Michaelmas from before the time of Edward the Confessor was the annual religious Thanksgiving Day in England on which congregations thanked God for His bounties.

The Canons of the Church of England obtained in Virginia from 1601 until 1776 and until the 19<sup>th</sup> century, next to Easter, Michaelmas was the most important feast.

My father attended Merchants Hope Church before the Civil War, and said they had Michaelmas Thanksgiving Day services there, and when I was a small boy, St. Paul’s, Petersburg, had Michaelmas Thanksgiving Day services, but it also held services on the national holiday.

My oldest uncle, until around 1914 had goose on Michaelmas— an English and Southside Virginia tradition. After the wardens, bailiffs, and other collectors departed from a farm on Michaelmas, the farmer was lucky if he had enough geese left to afford to roast one for dinner. Thus. goose for dinner on Michaelmas came to mean “prosperity for the ensuing year.”

Since the Canons of the Church required a day of thanksgiving for the bounties of Almighty God to be observed every 29 of September, one may be sure Robert Hunt properly observed Michaelmas at Jamestown, 1607, and with traditional, canonical, and, therefore, legal, Thanksgiving Day Services.

Michaelmas did not inspire our national Thanksgiving Day, except in a distant and indirect manner. Nevertheless, having discarded saints’ days, the Pilgrims started a Harvest Thanksgiving Day of their own, and converted it from a religious day to one of gorging and such merrymaking as their stern disciplines would permit, and their descendants perpetuated it so as to give all our people a national Thanksgiving Day.

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## Vancouver Youth Leadership Conference (September 2-4)



The Vancouver Youth Leadership Conference is three days of excellent youth ministry training in an Anglican setting. The conference will be held September 2-4 at Church of the Good Shepherd in Vancouver, BC, Canada. We have a Bible speaker who will lead us and equip us to teach a book of the Bible. We have excellent seminars on Bible preaching, gospel ministry in different cultural contexts, pastoral care for relationally and sexually broken youth, and so much more. Registration will be up on the website soon. Go to [www.stjohnsvancouver.org](http://www.stjohnsvancouver.org). Contact: Rev. Dave Little [dlittle@sivan.org](mailto:dlittle@sivan.org)

## Anglican Family (October 15-17)

It has been broadly estimated that the average person has roughly one hundred hours per week of discretionary time. In the church, our clergy, staff, and lay leaders often spend the vast majority of their time focusing on the two or three hours someone spends with them in a worship service or bible study, while at the same time putting little to no thought into how they can support these same people in the meaningful and intentional use of the other hundred hours.

For the church to thrive in the 21st century, we must boldly embrace the wholehearted pursuit of Christ in every area of our lives, and we as church leaders must take seriously our role in equipping and encouraging meaningful spiritual formation outside the walls of the church.

In October of this year, Anglican Family invites you to join us for a focused conversation on how this formation can flourish within the family, which the early Fathers commonly called “the domestic church”. We firmly believe that the renewal of our churches must begin with the renewal of families as the primary means of discipleship, spiritual formation, and growth.

This gathering will be highly interactive, examining various models of catechesis and formation, as well as the opportunities and challenges of family ministry in our contemporary context. The aim isn't to simply create yet another conference or event, but to intentionally carve out space for active leaders in the area of family ministry to gather for meaningful networking, creative collaboration, resource sharing, and inspiration.

Here's the When Where Who

When: October 15-17

Where: Christ Church Plano

Who: Clergy, Catechists, Lay Leaders

Website: [www.anglicanfamily.com](http://www.anglicanfamily.com)





## Rooted Conference (October 22-24)



Rooted offers a unique, simple conference for youth ministry leaders. Rooted begins with the Gospel as the starting point and considers all matters in youth ministry and youth culture from that axis. The conference features great preaching, engaging biblical teaching, practical workshops, sincere worship and an intimate atmosphere. No dry ice. No laser light show. Just the gospel, relationships and conversations.

This year's conference will be held October 22-24 in Evanston, Illinois - about 15 miles from Chicago's O'Hare International Airport. Speakers include: Dr. Don Carson, research professor of New Testament at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and the president / co-founder of The Gospel Coalition. Scotty Smith, founding pastor of Christ Community Church in Franklin, Tennessee. Dr. Mark Senter, Professor Emeritus at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and author of Reaching a Generation for Christ and The Complete Book of Youth Ministry.

The Rooted Conference was started by Cameron Cole, Youth Minister at Cathedral Church of the Advent in Birmingham, AL. It has been held in Birmingham, Atlanta, New York City and now will be near Chicago. The conference gathers youth ministry leaders from a variety of denominations including Anglican, Baptist, and Presbyterian. More information about Rooted and how to register can be found at <http://rootedministry.com>

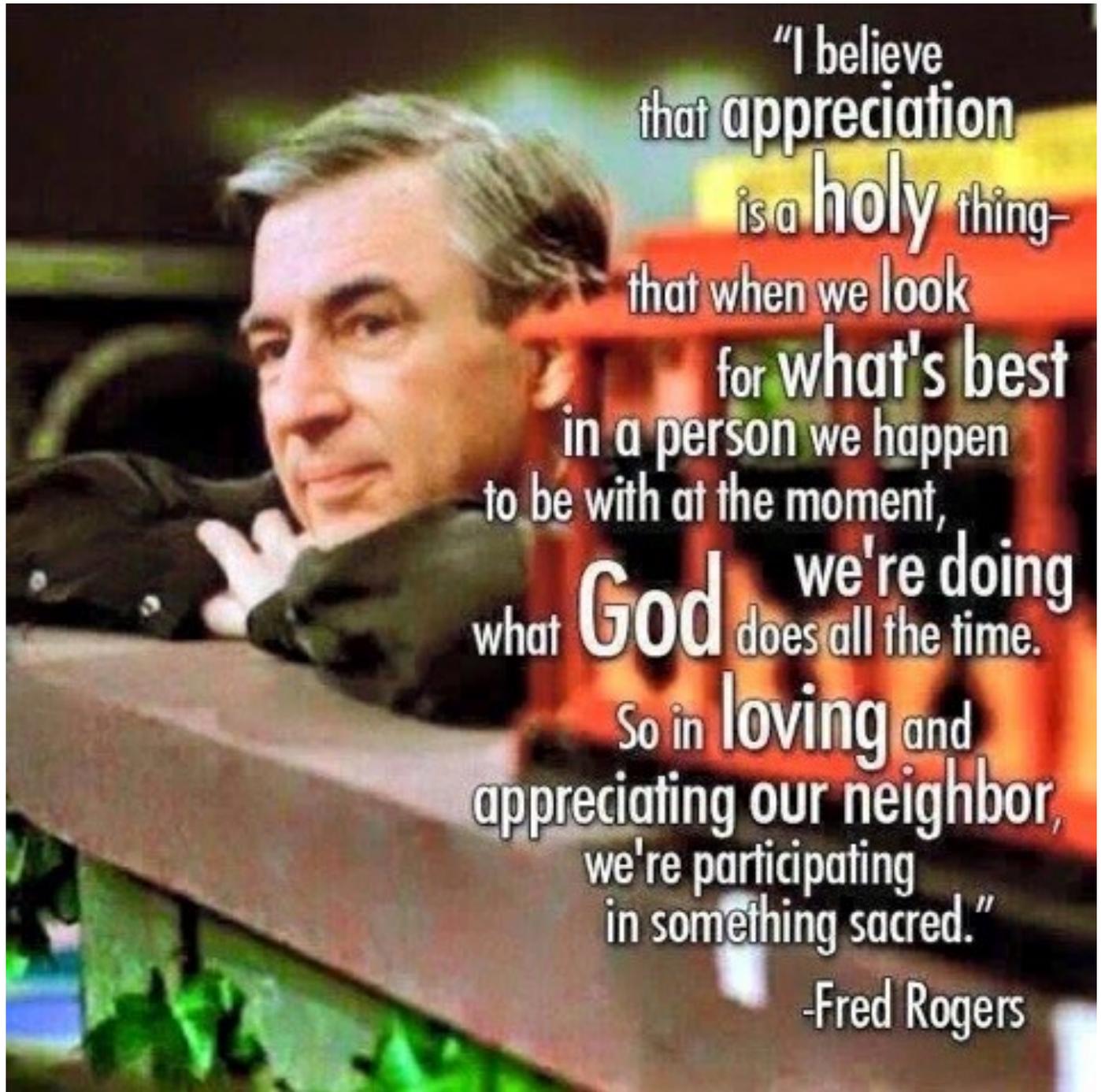
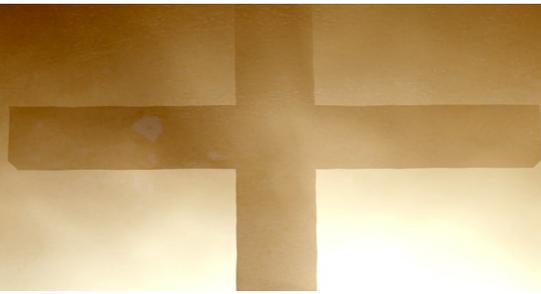
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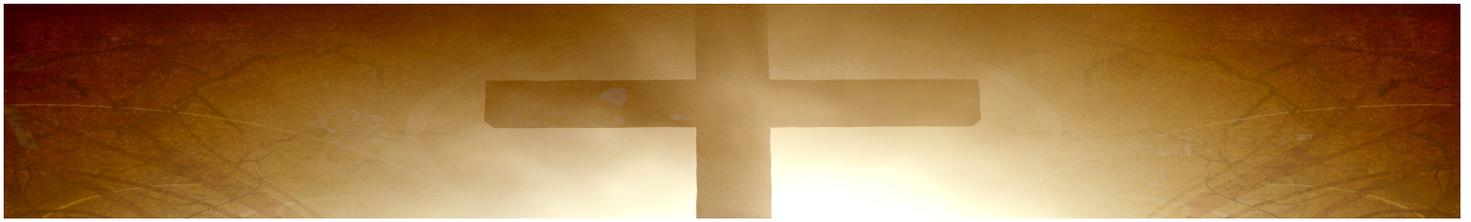
Did you know that Young Anglicans Project has a fantastic community on-line? Join hundreds of others in our Facebook group (Young Anglicans Project) for plenty of conversations, suggestions, and encouragement with others who lead young people. If you would like a more informational approach, you can also like our Facebook page: The Young Anglicans Project where numerous bishops, priests, and other leaders keep up on the Young Anglicans Project and ministry to youth. We have an active Twitter account with about 700 followers. On Twitter, we post helpful youth ministry related articles and upcoming activities for the Young Anglicans Project. You can find our Twitter @younganglicanpr. Our current hashtag is #yaproj which we try to attach to our various activities. Main contact person: Rev. Dave Little [dlittle@sjvan.org](mailto:dlittle@sjvan.org)





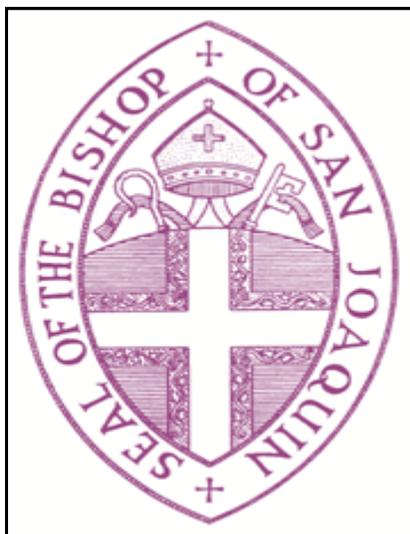


"I believe  
that **appreciation**  
is a **holy** thing—  
that when we look  
for **what's best**  
in a person we happen  
to be with at the moment,  
what **God** we're doing  
does all the time.  
So in **loving** and  
**appreciating our neighbor**,  
we're participating  
in something sacred."  
-Fred Rogers



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