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New Archbishop To Lead Province

Archbishop James Eugene Provence was enthroned Jan. 25 as primate of the national Anglican Province of Christ the King (APCK) at St. Peter's Pro-cathedral in Oakland, CA, in a traditional Anglican high mass attended by over 200 clergy and laity.



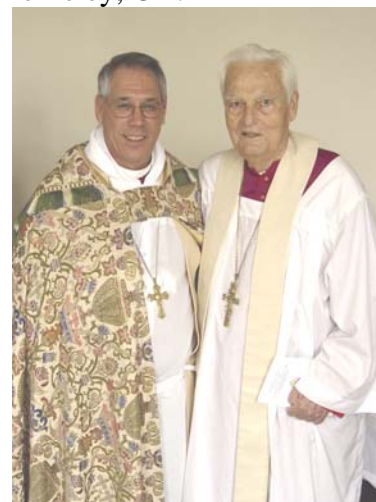
(Left to right) Bishop Henry King, Bishop William Wiygul, Archbishop James Provence, Bishop Frederick Morrison, Bishop Leo Michael. (Photo: Alvin Johnson)

Abp. Provence succeeds Abp. Robert S. Morse, who served as primate for nearly thirty years since the province was formed in 1978. Abp. Morse was one of four Bishops consecrated by Bishop Albert Chambers in 1978 following the Congress of St. Louis.

Representatives of two other jurisdictions that derive from the Chambers consecrations attended the enthronement of Abp. Provence, including Bp. D. Presley Hutchens of the Anglican Catholic Church and Bp. Leo J. Michael of the United Episcopal Church of North America. Bp. Henry J. King also attended, representing The Holy Catholic Church (Anglican Rite).

Abp. Provence will continue to serve as Bishop of the Diocese of the Western States and as Rector of St. Thomas' Anglican Church in San Francisco.

Abp. Morse continues his long and faithful service to APCK as director of the APCK seminary, St. Joseph of Arimathea Anglican Theological College in Berkeley, CA.



Archbishop Provence and Archbishop Morse. (Photo: Alvin Johnson)

APCK National Meeting



Archbishop Provence addresses the National Meeting of Clergy and Laity of the APCK. (Photo: Alvin Johnson)

The National Meeting of the Clergy and Laity of the Province took place in San Francisco on January 24th. During the meeting Abp. Provence reported on the state of the province, The Rt. Rev. Dr. William Wiygul, Bishop of the Diocese of the Southern States, delivered a greeting from the House of Bishops, The Rev. Dr. Paul Russell, Dean of the seminary, described the classes and daily life of the seminarians, and Bishop Leo Michael delivered greetings from the United Episcopal Church - North America.

In his address to the meeting Abp. Provence reported on the state of the Province in this its 30th anniversary year saying, “We are strong and healthy. Even with the departure of some in the east, we maintain four active dioceses. Our bishops are busy with confirmations and ordinations. The seminary has a fabulous faculty and bright student body. We have active ministries on several college campuses. The American Church Union continues to increase its offering of books and publications for sale to members of the APCK and beyond. Well over half of our congregations are in their own buildings and many others are actively working toward that goal. This is remarkable considering that we started from almost nothing.”

Parish of Christ the King

The Archbishop announced changes to the national APCK church. The “Parish of Christ the King is the Provincial Parish. In a sense, it belongs

to all of us and gives us a national focus. ... For many years, we referred to that church as our national headquarters. After discussions with our bishops and the clergy in Georgetown, we have decided to change that designation. Today I am pleased to proclaim Parish of Christ the King our Provincial Cathedral. Father Russell is the first Dean of the Cathedral and Father Starr is Curate. In celebration of this change, we will hold our next provincial gathering at the Cathedral Parish of Christ the King in Washington, D.C.”

The Archbishop also discussed cooperation among APCK, the Anglican Catholic Church, and the United Episcopal Church - North America. “The three main branches coming from the root of the Chambers Succession are visibly in full communion with each other. In a new era of cooperation, our parallel lines have the chance to converge, bringing into focus a united face to orthodox, catholic Anglicanism.”

For Further Information

Abp. Provence’s complete address to the National Meeting is available on the APCK web site at <http://www.anglicanpck.org>; click on “Read the address” in the lower left corner of the home page. Information about the seminary is also available on the web site. Click on “Saint Joseph of Arimathea Anglican Theological College” in the lower right corner of the home page.



National Clericus Meeting, Jan. 24, 2008

(Left to Right) Bottom Row: Kelnhofer, Fr. Dillon, Fr. Livingston, Bp. Wiygul, Abp. Provence, Bp. Morrison, Fr. J. Smith, Fr. Russell; Middle Row: Fr. Ashman, Fr. Robling, Fr. Miley, Fr. Upham, Fr. Davis, Fr. Starr, Fr. Brule, Fr. Dart, Dcn. Prudhomme; Top Row: Fr. Napier, Fr. Hicks (hidden), Fr. Webb, Dcn. McNeely, Fr. Hines, Dcn. Pinhero (hidden), Fr. Mautner, Fr. Hansen, Fr. Ponc, Fr. Andrews, Dcn. Miller, Fr. Dibble, Fr. Weber, Seminarian Reddick, Fr. Brown, Fr. McAbee. (Phtot by Alvin Johnson)

Anglican Church Women Meet in San Francisco

In conjunction with the national APCK provincial meeting, the ACW Advisory Board met with Archbishop Provenca on Jan. 24th. The Advisory Board is comprised of all diocesan presidents.



(Left to right) Kathy Webb, President, ACW of the Diocese of the Western States; Madge Upham, President, ACW of the Diocese of the Southern States; Nona Gourley, National ACW President. (Photo: Alvin Johnson)

After the Advisory Board meeting, women from throughout the Province met in a National ACW Social Meeting where they discussed their local programs and enjoyed a time of fellowship.

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Diocesan Synods

- ⊕ Diocese of the Southern States
April 22-24, St. Charles King and Martyr Anglican Church, Huntsville, Alabama
- ⊕ Diocese of the Western States
April 24-26, St. Bartholomew's Church, Woodinville, Washington
- ⊕ Diocese of the Eastern States
May 7-9, All Saints Anglican Church, Bolingbrook, Illinois
- ⊕ Diocese of the Southwestern States
June 18-20, All Saints Pro Cathedral, Tulsa, Oklahoma

Visit Your Provincial Web Site

The APCK Provincial web site is available on the internet at <http://www.anglicanpck.org>.

The web site has a wealth of news and information about the APCK, as well as links to the St. Joseph of Arimathea Anglican Theological College (our seminary in Berkeley, CA) and the American Church Union, which publishes Church School curricula, readings for young people, and theological materials.

Over the next few months, the web site will be modified to provide easier access to more information on a timely basis. For example, the provincial newsletter, **Christus Rex**, will be regularly posted on the Web Site.

More Pictures

Photographs of the Election of Archbishop Provenca, the Enthronement, and the National Clericus meeting are available on the APCK web site. Click on "View Photographs" in the lower left corner of the home page.



Enthronement Reception Luncheon at St. Peter's, Oakland, CA (Photo: Alvin Johnson)