

Bishop Wiygul Retires



The early May synod of the Diocese of the Southern States marked the beginning of retirement for the Rt. Rev. William C. Wiygul as Bishop Ordinary. The Bishop informed the diocese of his decision in a pastoral letter read on the First Sunday after Easter. At synod, the clergy and people whom he has faithfully served showed their appreciation and affection with a shower of gifts and good wishes for a happy retirement.

William Wiygul was born in Natchez, Mississippi, and is a graduate of the University of Mississippi. He received his Ph.D. in medical clinical microbiology from the University of Tennessee. For many years he was director of a large medical laboratory in Birmingham, Alabama.

Doctor Wiygul and his wife, Beth, are charter members of the Church of the Holy Comforter in Montevallo, Alabama. He was encouraged to test his vocation to the sacred ministry, and was ordained a deacon by the Rt. Rev. James Pollard Clark. Following study at St. Joseph of Arimathea Anglican Theological College, Deacon Wiygul was ordained priest by Bishop Clark and instituted as Rector of Church of the Holy Comforter.

In 2004, William Conger Wiygul was consecrated and enthroned as Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the Southern States. That diocese and the entire Anglican Province of Christ the King have been enriched by his episcopacy. While Bishop Wiygul has retired from the daily work of a bishop ordinary, he will continue serving on the Council of Bishops and has graciously offered to assist the Archbishop with parish visits and confirmations.

We are grateful to Bishop Wiygul, and to his wife Beth, for their sacrificial and loving service to Christ and His Church and wish them a happy retirement.✠