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Bishop Blair William Schultz is our new Archbishop

On June 14th, the feast of Saint Basil, the Council of Bishops elected the Right Reverend Blair W. Schultz as the fifth Archbishop of the Anglican Province of Christ the King. Archbishop Schultz was consecrated Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of the Atlantic States in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on September 21, 2017, by The Most Reverend Frederick G. Morrison, The Right Reverend Donald M. Ashman, The (then) Right Reverend Doctor John E. Upham, and the Right Reverend Frank W. Brulc, to serve in the Diocese of the Atlantic States (DAS), Anglican Province of Christ the King (APCK). Bishop Schultz was elected Bishop Coadjutor in 2021 and became Bishop Ordinary upon the passing of Archbishop John Exley Upham.



Trained as a Forensic Scientist, Archbishop Schultz was called to the priesthood and attended St. Joseph of Arimathea Anglican Theological College in Berkeley and received a Bachelor of Sacred Theology in 2007. Ordained Deacon in 1998, he was ordained Priest, and became Rector of All Saints Anglican Church in Bolingbrook, Illinois in 2008. Bishop Schultz has served as President of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of the Atlantic States, a member of the Marriage Tribunal, the Board of Examining Chaplains , and the Ecclesiastical Court.

Father Franz Longsworth Vicar of Saint Joseph's Chapel

On June eleventh, the Very Reverend David Napier stepped down as vicar of Saint Joseph's Seminary Chapel due to increasing health concerns. Let it be known the debt of gratitude the entire province owes to this good and faithful priest who will remain at Saint Joseph's in an assisting capacity. And since the Church is a living organism (as with the election of Archbishop Schultz), Father Franz Longsworth of Saint Peter's Oakland has been called to be the new vicar of Saint Joseph's. Father Longsworth attended Saint Joseph's Seminary both in-person and on the Zoom platform. Having passed his canonical exams, he was made a Deacon on July 24th, 2016, and ordained a priest on December 18th, 2021. Dean Napier was one of the first seminarians at Saint Joseph's and was ordained a priest by Bishop Morse on September 26th, 1986.



Special Baby Shower at Saint Luke's Redding



Deaconess Deena Orr reported that between Mother's Day and Father's Day the ACW had a "Baby Shower" to benefit a local pregnancy outreach organization. (Unfortunately, they cannot call them Crisis Pregnancy or Anti-Abortion Clinic and continue as a tax exempt organization.) "Life Light", formerly Birthright, has been in Redding for over 30 years. Saint Luke's ACW not only raised cash but also collected 40 new garments to give to the parents. As the parents complete counseling appointments and classes they are given credit for the "store". Life Light also gives a Layette to each mother at the time of birth. The clothing in the "store" is sized birth to 2T. They also have some donated maternity clothes available.

Saint Joseph of Arimathea Summer Session



The College Summer Session will take place the last week of July [from Sunday evening to Friday afternoon, July 23rd to July 28th, 2023 - both in person and on the Zoom platform. Canon Steven Dart will be the Summer Session Chaplain coordinating daily activities and worship services. Father Dr. Paul Russell will teach (via Zoom) a morning class on **Reading the Apostolic Fathers** and Dr. Paul Evans will teach an in person afternoon class on a **Survey of Canon Law**. Students and postulants may participate in the classes in person or via Zoom.

The approximate daily agenda is as follows:

- 8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer in the Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. - Morning Class
- 12:15 p.m. - Holy Communion in the Chapel
- 2:00 p.m. - Afternoon Class in the Library or Classroom
- 4:30 - Afternoon Tea hosted by Canon Dart
- 5:15 p.m. - Sung Evening Prayer

The fee for the one-week session is \$150.00 which includes housing. Meals are "on your own" but we have a kitchen and dining area available. Contact bishopashman@gmail.com if financial aid is needed. Please note that postulants for Holy Orders move to the top of the financial need list. Zoom classes at distance are \$35.00 for one class and \$50.00 for both.

We now have twenty-seven faculty, students and auditors signed up and ready to go. Laity are warmly invited to participate. It's not too late to sign up. The provost has told a number of people, "they are on the list," but please fill out the registration form on the next page. And help us get the word out! And clergy, even if you can't attend in person, Father Dr. Russell and Dr. Evans are providing a superb opportunity for that post ordination continuing education that Bishop Upham especially encouraged.

Please email a copy of this form to the Provost (bishopashman@gmail.com) and the Summer Session Chaplain (canondart@christchurchaz.org); and a hard copy to the Seminary at 2316 Bowditch, P.O. Box 40020, Berkeley, CA 94704. Send your tuition fee to Saint Joseph's Anglican Theological College,

2316 Bowditch, P.O. Box 40020, Berkeley, CA 94704. Do not send tuition to the San Francisco office.

Saint Joseph of Arimathea Theological College

Summer Session Registration Form 2023 July 23rd to July 28th

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

APCK Parish or Church Affiliation _____

Are you a postulant for Holy Orders in the APCK? Yes () No ()

Email _____

Telephone (cell) _____

Telephone (other) _____

Emergency Contact Information

Name _____ Relationship _____

Telephone _____

Will you need housing? Yes () No ()

Why do you wish to attend the Summer Session?

Blind Man's Bluff

VANITY is a magazine. Ads pop our eyes and stars pose for paparazzi. HBO wants to do a special. You're famous! Could you please sign this? The creation is subject to vanity—not a magazine, but the pursuit of vainglory, this world's applause because our eyes are unable to see beyond today. In time, we'll see, we will be free from a dying world. The world sees one thing while the spiritually awake person sees something entirely different. And the ugliest thing is pride. Pride says 'How important I am.' Pride says 'I need to get in

front of you.' I feel so righteous that I can launch my heat-seeking missiles of hatred. We're all subject to vanity.

Can the blind lead the blind? Before I ever needed glasses, I regarded this parable as being about other people. I had great vision. I could do fine line pen and ink. I tied fishing flies. Then I turned about 45 and got tired reading. I strained to see documents. One day I picked up a set of reading glasses at a drug store and—wow! I could read! I needed glasses! How'd that happen? For a while I was partially blind, but I didn't realize it. Vanity is a magazine. People look in it to see who they wish they were: models so skinny it hurts, draped with fabrics costing \$200 a yard, in fashions so strange you'll never see them in real life. We're supposed to envy them—airbrushed, painted, soft-lighted and starving. The world of fashion, movie-stardom, and stage lights seems as Heaven to a world that wouldn't know Heaven from Hollywood, even with Google Maps. We're impressed by the wrong things, filled with awe. Famous people feel awful, but no one believes them if they say so.

Remember Blind Man's Bluff where one person is blindfolded and must try to touch the other players, though he or she can't see? They tease, call out, make noises, trick them. A person who gets touched is 'it'. A variation is called Marco Polo, in a swimming pool, and when the person who is 'it' calls out 'Marco,' the others must say 'Polo'. I was good at it. I learned some people peek. Blind men bluff. They tell us they 'see.' They expound on what they supposedly know and conclude. And I, am I bluffing? God knows. Here's how I see it, through these glasses, for what it's worth. We're all subject to vanity. It doesn't mean we must be vain, seek our own way, look for cameras, spotlights and admiration. There is a vanity we should shun, and pride that goes with it.

Everyone Jesus encountered was unable to see what Jesus was about, what He was doing here, why His mission took such turns, what He meant. They didn't get it. He was beyond us all. Compared to Him, we are all blind. Jesus gave us the Spirit. Through Him we may see things beyond our limited view. We'll see more soon. Jesus healed the blind. He said, "I came into this world, that they who can't see may see; and that they that see may become blind... If ye were blind, ye would have no sin: but now ye say, We see, and so your sin remains." John 9:39-41 So with us. We are subject to vanity, thinking we know when we really don't. If we admit we're wrong, we're finally right. God gives us better vision. If we say we see, we remain blind.

Humility is the queen of virtues, old theologians said. And pride the most powerful evil. And why? We seek pride like it was courage. It's not. Pride exaggerates who we are. Courage knows our peril and faces it. Self-confidence is a drunk driver saying he can get home all right. Self-esteem is a bragger in a bar, picking on the big guy. Pride stands in the way of everything good. It's a crutch. It may look like a Maserati, maybe. But it's a crutch.

God's eyes are better. We stand naked before Him like the fairy tale emperor, while everyone in town admires the weave of the cloth of gold they wish they could see. We walk, without stumbling, not by sight, for we are actually blind men bluffing our way through the dark. Walk by faith, not sight. By humility, not pride. By truth, not vanity. By His Spirit, not our own weak eyes.

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ACW Notes, July 2023

The 32nd Synod of the Diocese of Western States has come and gone, and what a synod it was! Many commented that it was the best synod they had ever attended. For the first time we were joined by the Diocese of Southwestern States, and new friendships were formed, new bonds cemented.

On Tuesday, we were privileged to attend an Open House at St. Joseph of Arimathea Seminary. This opened with a joyful Holy Communion, where the palpable love of everyone present was overwhelming. We then ate a delicious lunch, prepared by the ladies of St. Joseph's and St. Mark's, Larkspur, and got ready for a tour of the premises.

Christine Sutherland had prepared a beautiful booklet on the history of the Seminary, and ably led us through the chapel and the offices, giving us history and anecdotes as we made our way into the Boardroom to watch the DVD of the beginning of APCK by Bishop Morse. The visit concluded with a moving solemn Evensong in the chapel. We left the Seminary with a much better idea of the reason for APCK, and a firm resolve to continue the journey begun by Bishop Morse. Thank you so much, Chris, for such an enjoyable and enlightening afternoon.

On Wednesday afternoon, Provincial ACW hosted the Synod Opening Reception, with hors d'oeuvres and wine, lemonade and coffee or tea. Old friendships were renewed, and new friendships made as delegates from both dioceses mingled and got to know one another. The highlight of the evening was the Bishop's Auction of a variety of offerings, raising some much-needed money for the benefit of the clergy. As always, Archdeacon Mautner did sterling work as auctioneer, amid much hilarity and some fierce bidding.

The ACW and clergy lunch was attended by around 50 people and was followed by the ACW conference. Each diocese held their own business meeting, and we then enjoyed two talks. Deena Orr gave us a very interesting insight into the background and duties of a deaconess in APCK, while Giti Hansen left us with much food for thought with her 'Praying for Muslims'. We learned about the 30 days of Prayer, when Christians pray for Muslims during the 30 days of Ramadan, and how many Muslims are now turning to Christianity. The meeting closed with drawings for a multitude of gifts donated by members.

The drawings at the Synod Banquet raised \$844.00 for Bishop Morse Youth Camp, while Carol Karcher's beautiful, embroidered picture raised \$400.00 for Student Support at St. Joseph of Arimathea Seminary.

ACW NEWS

St. Luke's, Redding, CA, ACW recently raised \$326.00 and donated 66 pieces of baby clothing to Life Light Pregnancy Help Center in Redding with a 'Baby Shower' event. They are planning a Pie Fest in October, and a Fantasy Bazaar in the Fall. Congratulations to St. Luke's! Let me know what your ACW is planning or has done so we can all share. Especially send pictures! My email is gillian.golden@yahoo.com.

Carol Karcher is hard at work on another embroidered picture. This time it is of Rublev's Trinity. This photo was taken about a month ago, so more will have been completed for now.



We are so happy to welcome DSWS into DWS, and look forward getting to know one another better, and to work as a fantastic team for the good of all APCK. It was so good to meet some of you at the Synod, and to be able to exchange ideas. You will give new life blood to ACW-DWS! A huge thank you to everyone who made the 32nd Synod a resounding success.

Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus: A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land of Israel in JUNE 2024



We are making a pilgrimage to Israel and want it to be a shared journey of a lifetime!

Join us as we walk in the footsteps of Jesus with intention, led by the Holy Spirit while we deepen our relationship with God. Together, let us contemplate the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ in the places where He spread the Good News.

St. Ignatius of Loyola taught that we should use our senses to imagine ourselves in a passage from Scripture focusing on what things would look like, sound like, taste, smell and feel like.

But you don't have to imagine when you can actually see, hear, taste, smell and touch as you traverse the Holy Land of Israel and walk in the footsteps of Jesus!

See with your own eyes the majesty and diversity of Israel ranging from the lush green fields of the valley of Elah where David defeated Goliath to the 15-mile desolate road that Jesus walked through the barren wilderness leading from Jericho to Jerusalem.

Hear with your own ears the sound of gentle waves lapping against the boat as you cross over the Sea of Galilee where Jesus calmed the storm and called Peter, Andrew, James, and John.

Taste the fish caught and the barley loaves freshly-baked like those Jesus multiplied to feed the 5000. Taste the purity of the water drawn from Jacob's Well.

Smell the subtle, dry, woody aroma given off by the rough bark of the olive trees growing in the grove at the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus prayed.

Feel the coolness of the water of the Jordan River where Jesus was baptized by John, and feel how incredibly buoyant it is to float atop the salty grittiness of the Dead Sea.

St George's Anglican Church in Las Vegas, NV is organizing this private tour-guided trip to Israel scheduled for departure in JUNE 2024.

We have already begun gathering names of people interested in this journey from St George's and are now opening this opportunity to all members of the APCK.

Trip dates are 09 to 22 JUNE 2024, 12-days touring biblical sites in Israel with an expert private guide. The cost is approximately *\$5000 per person based upon double-occupancy.

*This is an All-Inclusive Fee that covers the cost of air travel with departure from Las Vegas NV, hotels, tours, excursion fees, taxes, two meals per day and gratuities. Travel throughout Israel will be via an air-conditioned luxury touring coach with our private guide from the US as well as a local Israeli guide. We will be staying at three beautiful, all-inclusive hotels – the first in the coastal resort city of Netanya located on the shore of the Mediterranean Sea, the second in the region of Galilee and the third at a resort overlooking the Dead Sea.

We will not know actual final costs until we determine how many people will be traveling, firm up the itinerary and start booking the flights, hotels, excursions, etc. All this will be done for you!

Our private tour guide throughout Israel will be Barry Britnell. Barry is a devout Christian and an expert in Biblical Geography who has traveled extensively to Israel, Jordan and Egypt.

Barry works with Appian Media as the host of several documentary series including *Following the Messiah* and *Searching for a King* as well as a children's series entitled, *Lessons from the Land*. Appian Media is a 501c3 not-for-profit organization that seeks to re-engage people with the life-changing power of the Bible, by creating *biblically accurate, visually engaging* content that is *free to the world* and they do so by taking advantage of the Appian Way of our time, i.e., the 'roadways' of the Internet and media.

Barry says, "Even if you know the Bible well, understanding the geographical context of the Bible makes the people and places so much more real."

We will bring the passages of the Bible to life by directly experiencing the Holy Land where Jesus was born, where he walked, preached, prayed, and prepared our way to salvation.

We seek 20-40 travelers in order to optimize the experience while minimizing the cost. There are already 27 names on the Interest List. Full trip details, itinerary and registration coming soon!

If interested, then please send email to [galantevalerie@yahoo.com], Valarie Galante, as soon as possible because spots are filling up fast. Please be sure to provide: 1) your full name, 2) full names of all people traveling with you, 3) your phone number, 4) your email. Your email will be used only to send out trip information and the Registration/ Deposit Form. To ensure you receive messages, please either add galantevalerie@yahoo.com to your contacts &/OR regularly check your SPAM.

The key to perfect peace is to place everything in the hands of God. Shalom, Shalom.



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