



# Around Our Diocese

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*A Passion for the Gospel of Jesus Christ  
A Willingness to do Whatever it Takes*

*A Heart for the Lost  
A Commitment to One Another*

## A Letter from the Bishop

Dear brothers and sisters,

Some thoughts written on the day after Pentecost, as we enter the long “green” season:

*Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love,  
and do what thou wouldst do.*

Hymn 508 may be the only hymn in the Hymnal 1982 that’s based on a biblical pun. In Hebrew (the language of the Old Testament) and Greek (the language of the New), the same word serves multiple purposes. *Ruach* (Hebrew) and *pneuma* (Greek) mean both “spirit” and “breath”. So God “breathed into [Adam’s] nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being” (Genesis 2:7). Jesus, after his resurrection, “breathed on [his disciples] and said, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit’” (John 20:22). When you and I emerged from our mother’s womb, the first thing we did was to take a breath. Our end will be like Jesus’: “He breathed his last” (Luke 23:46) – or, alternatively, he “bowed his head and gave up his spirit” (John 19:30). Every breath reminds us that Jesus offers us a relationship that is as intimate as respiration. He fills us with his Spirit, transforms us from the inside out, and enables us (however imperfectly we do so) to love with his love.

*Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
until my heart is pure,  
until with thee I will one will,  
to do or to endure.*

On a human level, Jesus asks us to do the impossible. “If you love me, you will keep my commandments,” he tells his disciples at the Last Supper (John 14:15). This may be the most disturbing thing that Jesus ever said. His commandments are hard. “Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another” (John 13:35). Forgive without limit, “seventy seven times” (Matthew 18:22). “Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect” (Matthew 5:48). These commands would be sheer bad news without Jesus’ promise: “I will ask the

father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth . . . he abides with you, and he will be in you” (John 14:17). Jesus lives in us through his Spirit, and knits our will to his.

*Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
till I am wholly thine,  
till all this earthly part of me  
glows with thy fire divine.*

St. Paul struggled – and quite publicly – with his internal resistance to the Lord. “I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do” (Romans 7:18-19). His only hope, his liberation, is a gift: the Holy Spirit. “The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you [and me!] free from the law of sin and of death. . . . The Spirit of God dwells in you [and me!]” (Romans 8:2,9). In other words, the Holy Spirit helped Paul to do what he could not, on his own power, accomplish. He obeyed Jesus because the Spirit empowered him and transformed him.

*Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
so I shall never die;  
but live with thee the perfect life  
of thine eternity.*

“Defend, O Lord, your servant with your heavenly grace, that *he* may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until *he* comes to your everlasting kingdom” (Book of Common Prayer, p. 418). This Confirmation prayer tells us that the Spirit’s work in us, his holy Breath, is not the work of a month or a year or a decade, or even of this life. We will not be fully transformed until all things are made new in the Kingdom. Meanwhile, every time you breathe in and breathe out, remind yourself that the Spirit is as bound to you as your own breath. He lives in you, and empowers you, and enables you to serve Jesus as an ambassador of the Kingdom of God.

Yours in Christ,

**+Ed**

## Summer Camps: Space Still Available!

**Waterworld:** Although the May 15<sup>th</sup> deadline for registration has passed, there is still room available for campers! Please pass this news along to any child entering 3<sup>rd</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall. Space is limited, so please email [episcopalcamp2010@gmail.com](mailto:episcopalcamp2010@gmail.com) or visit [www.ednin.org](http://www.ednin.org) for details! We will accept campers on a first-come basis until the age groups are filled!

**Good Samaritan:** There is also still space for the Senior High Camp. The deadline is June 4<sup>th</sup>, after which time a \$25.00 late registration fee will be assessed. Please contact Carol Bianchini at [cjbianchini@comcast.net](mailto:cjbianchini@comcast.net) or visit [www.ednin.org](http://www.ednin.org) for details.

**New Happenings:** If you know of a child who has a parent that is in prison, tell them about Camp New Happenings! The registration deadline is June 15<sup>th</sup>. The camp will be held from July 11<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup>. Also, to find out how your parish can assist or if you are a college student that would like to serve as a counselor, please contact Charlotte Strowhorn at [charlotte1033@sbcglobal.net](mailto:charlotte1033@sbcglobal.net).

## Report from De Bada on Province V ECW

The week after Easter, I was privileged to attend the Province V Episcopal Church Women meeting in Dearborn, Michigan. Our diocese is one of the fifteen dioceses in the province, which includes the region around the Great Lakes. The meeting is a yearly event and next year it will be in Columbus, Ohio from May 13<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup>. I am suggesting that we ladies of Northern Indiana look very carefully at our calendars and try to attend. The cost will probably be about \$250.00 inclusive.

The main reason I am suggesting this is to not only become familiar with the ladies of the province and its purpose but that Northern Indiana will host the 2012 meeting in South Bend. It will take many hands to present a great conference and I am hopeful we in the diocese will support Charlotte Strowhorn, our diocesan president, in the planning and the fulfillment of this conference. The tentative date is April 27<sup>th</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup>, subject to the Bishop's calendar. Keep an eye out for details to come!

Please remember that each woman in the Episcopal Church is a member of the ECW whether you serve in an Altar Guild, in a Shawl Ministry, or teach Sunday School, or in any other ministry for the church. Please prayerfully consider attending these gatherings to join in fellowship with other women who serve as you do.

## Parishes in the News

Recently St. Alban's, Fort Wayne was highlighted in their local newspaper for a relief trip to Haiti that its rector, the Rev. Daniel Layden, took with other churches in the area.

The expanding work of the food pantry at St. John the Evangelist, Elkhart was covered by their local newspaper. The historic character and current outreach initiatives of St. John of the Cross, Bristol was highlighted in an article that a parishioner submitted to the paper. Links to all articles are on the diocesan website.

## Update: Pilgrimage to Holy Land

The final dates for the diocesan pilgrimage to the Holy Land have been set—February 22<sup>nd</sup> to March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011. Please register as soon as possible to guarantee your seat. Friends and relatives are welcome to join our group! Email Canon Silla at [canon@ednin.org](mailto:canon@ednin.org) with any questions.

## Bishop & Diocesan Calendar for June 2010

### June 1, 2010

12:00 PM (EDT) Deans' Meeting

### June 2, 2010

12:00 PM (EDT) Planned Giving Committee

### June 2, 2010

12:05 PM (EDT) Holy Eucharist at the Cathedral

### June 6, 2010

Visitation to St. Andrew's, Valparaiso

### June 6, 2010

5:00 PM (EDT) Eleganza Ensemble at Trinity, Fort Wayne

### June 7-8, 2010

Province V Bishops' Meeting

### June 9, 2010

10:00 AM (EDT) Finance Committee

### June 10, 2010

11:00 AM – 5:30 PM (EDT) Strawberry Festival at Cathedral

### June 13-19, 2010

Diocesan Summer Camp: Waterworld

### June 15, 2010

12:00 PM (EDT) Luncheon for Retired Clergy and Widows

### June 15, 2010

7:00 PM (EDT) Ordination of Thomas Haynes to the Diaconate at St. Thomas, Plymouth

### June 18, 2010

12:05 PM (EDT) Holy Eucharist at the Cathedral

### June 19, 2010

3:00 PM (EDT) Ultreya at All Saints, Syracuse

### June 20, 2010

Visitation to St. Paul's, Mishawaka

### June 21-30, 2010

Bishop in the Holy Land

### June 22, 2010

Standing Committee

### June 26, 2010

Diocesan Council

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