

Report of the Chapter of the Cathedral of Saint James to the 110th Convention of The Diocese of Northern Indiana

The Cathedral of Saint James, in addition to being a constituent parish of the Diocese of Northern Indiana, has an obligation to broader diocesan ministry on behalf of the Bishop. In 2008, the Cathedral of Saint James hosted several events for the Diocese, including:

- March 15 The Chrism Mass
- May 16 Requiem Eucharist for the Rev. William C. Hibbert
- June 7 Deacon's Gathering with the Bishop
- June 25 The Ordination of Sean P. Maloney to the Sacred Order of Priests
- Aug 8 The Installation of Brian G. Grantz as Dean & Rector
- Sep 10 Secretaries Day with the Bishop

In 2008 the Cathedral completed the process of calling a new Dean & Rector with the acceptance of that position by The Very Reverend Brian G. Grantz. Dean Grantz began his duties on May 1, 2008, moving to South Bend from Slidell, Louisiana, where he had been rector of Christ Episcopal Church. Until Dean Grantz arrived, the Cathedral was blessed to have the Reverend Susan Haynes serve as our Interim Dean. She graciously returned to her role as Assistant to the Rector until she was called to become Rector of Saint Paul's, Mishawaka. Pastor Susan concluded her ministries at the Cathedral on Sunday, August 3. In September we bid farewell to Mrs. Angelica Rodela, who had served as the receptionist for both the Cathedral and the Diocese for nine years.

In an effort to define more clearly the role of the Greater Cathedral Chapter and to enable their participation to a greater extent, at our August meeting the Chapter adopted the following changes position the Greater Cathedral Chapter:

1. The GREATER CATHEDRAL CHAPTER's primary role is to address the Cathedral's mission in and ministry to the Diocese of Northern Indiana and The Episcopal Church.
2. The GREATER CATHEDRAL CHAPTER will meet up to four times annually at dates and times convenient to GREATER CATHEDRAL CHAPTER members (most likely on Saturdays).
3. The Dean and Cathedral Chapter Executive Committee will attend meetings of the GREATER CATHEDRAL CHAPTER.
4. One of the GREATER CATHEDRAL CHAPTER's meetings will be with the entire Chapter at an annual retreat or work day.
5. GREATER CATHEDRAL CHAPTER members are invited to attend all regular Chapter meetings, but not expected to attend.
6. GREATER CATHEDRAL CHAPTER members will continue to receive all communication directed to the Cathedral Chapter.

Between the 110th and 111th Conventions of the Diocese of Northern Indiana, the Greater Cathedral Chapter will meet on the following Saturdays: November 15, 2008 (1:00 pm); February 7, 2009 (Retreat: 10:00 am – 4 pm); May 16, 2009 (1:00 pm); August 15, 2009 (10:00 am – Noon)

The Cathedral is currently involved in a strategic planning process to address, primarily, handicap accessibility and facilities upgrades. We are also exploring our mission to Gather, Worship, Teach, Serve and Live in the Name of Christ.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kirk Philippsen, Clerk
The Chapter of the Cathedral of Saint James