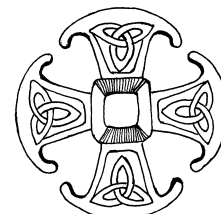


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Dr. John Bailey Lipscomb Ordained Priest



Fr. John B. Lipscomb standing outside
the Bethany Chapel

Lutz, FL.—Dr. John Bailey Lipscomb, a transitional deacon, executive director of the Bethany Retreat Center of the St. Petersburg Diocese, Lutz, FL. and a former Episcopal bishop, was ordained to the priesthood here in the Bethany Center Chapel on Dec. 2, 2009 by Archbishop John Favalors of Miami. Bishop Robert Lynch of the St. Petersburg Diocese, recovering from colon surgery, was present to offer his welcome and congratulations.

Father Lipscomb, 59, married and with two grown children, was ordained through the Pastoral Provision, a program of the Holy See introduced by Pope John Paul II in 1980 to facilitate the transition of Episcopal/Anglican clergy and laity into the Catholic Church.

A native of Arlington, Virginia and originally a Baptist, Father Lipscomb graduated from the University of North Carolina, pursued theological studies at the University of the South, Tennessee, from which he received a D.D. in 1997 and was ordained an Episcopal priest in 1975, after which he served in several Episcopal parishes and diocesan posts in South Carolina and Louisiana. He was elected Episcopal bishop of Southwest Florida in 1997 and served there until 2007, when he resigned and was received with his wife, Marcie, into full communion with the Catholic Church. He then promptly made application, through Bishop Lynch, to the Pastoral Provision.

Father Lipscomb expects to continue in his ministry at Bethany Retreat Center, where he recently organized a retreat open to all priests of the Pastoral Provision, and to be available for assistance in neighboring parishes of the Diocese of St. Petersburg.

The Pastoral Provision Staff and all the Pastoral Provision clergy congratulate Fr. Lipscomb and enthusiastically welcome him to priestly fraternity of the Catholic Church.

Oliver R. Vietor to be Ordained

Phoenix, AR.— Oliver R. Vietor, of Phoenix, formerly an Episcopal priest in the Diocese of Virginia, lately in the Pastoral Provision process, reports to The Link that Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted of Phoenix has received from the CDF the rescript authorizing Oliver's ordination as a deacon and a priest. He is now in conversation with the bishop as to the next steps to be taken.

Commenting on the news, Oliver said: "This is wonderful news, after two and a half years of work and prayer. And we (his wife and five children) would not be here without your (members of the Pastoral Provision's) support and prayers. Thank you, everyone, for the part you played in helping to make this possible."

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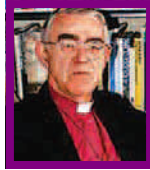
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Death of a Pioneer: Msgr. Graham Douglas Leonard, 1921-2010

London –The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Graham Douglas Leonard, 88, who died on Jan. 6, led the Anglo-Catholic movement in England after WWII and was the first contemporary Church of England bishop to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church (in April, 1994), shortly after ordination of women to the priesthood began in the Church of England.

The son of a liberal English rector, Graham Leonard early on became attracted to the “Catholic” version of Anglicanism, studied at Balliol (Oxford), where he married (1941) fellow student Pricilla Swann, served in the military during WWII and then pursued theological studies in Westcott House, (Cambridge) after which he was ordained an Anglican priest in 1948. He served in several curacies, incumbencies, diocesan posts and in 1964 was appointed (Suffragan) Bishop of Willesdon, then Bishop of Truro in 1973 and finally, in 1981, bishop of London where he served for ten years.

In all these positions Graham Leonard vigorously promoted Anglo-Catholicism in doctrine and worship. He opposed unity schemes with the Methodists and Reformed, principally because of their ambiguity on holy orders. The C of E decision, 1992, to ordain women as priests was the last straw for him in his effort to reconcile the vagaries of the C of E with “Catholic” tradition and authority in the Church.

Received into Catholic communion in 1994, he was ordained and incardinated into the Westminster Diocese, appointed chaplain to the Pope and then a papal prelate of honor in 2000. Msgr. Leonard gave many lectures at home and in the USA on the “Road to Rome” theme. He died after a long illness, survived by his wife and two sons. May he rest in peace.

Rome— Pope Benedict XVI to the CDF

1/15/2010: “There are in fact specific contents of Christian revelation that cast light on bio-ethical problems: the value of human life, the relational and social dimension of the person, the connection between the unitive and the procreative aspects of sexuality, and the centrality of the family founded on the marriage of a man and a woman. These matters engraved in the human heart are also rationally understandable as an element of natural moral law and can be accepted also by those who do not identify with the Christian faith.

“The natural moral law is neither exclusively nor mainly confessional, even if the Christian Revelation and the fulfillment of Man in the mystery of Christ fully illumines and develops its doctrine...

“Established in human nature itself and accessible to every rational creature, the natural moral law thus determines the basis for initiating dialogue with all who seek the truth and, more generally, with civil and secular society. This law, engraved in every human being’s heart, touches on one of the essential problems of reflection on law and likewise challenges the conscience and responsibility of legislators.”

Tell us about it!

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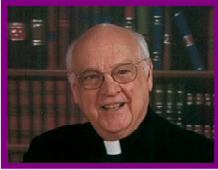


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Save the Date: Anglican Haps to Rome The 6th Annual Anglican Use Conference

June 10-12, 2010

hosted by His Excellency, Archbishop John J. Myers
Ecclesiastical Delegate for the Pastoral Provision
at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart
Newark, New Jersey



Msgr. W. H. Stetson

From the Pastoral Provision Office:

Msgr. William H. Stetson

Cardinal William J. Levada, the Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, in Rome, has told Archbishop Myers, Ecclesiastical Delegate for the Pastoral Provision, that the Pastoral Provision and its work of providing assistance to diocesan bishops who wish to sponsor a married, former Episcopal/Anglican clergyman for ordination and incardination in their dioceses will continue, even as discussion concerning the possible implementation of the recent Apostolic Constitution Coetibus Anglicanorum begins in the USA and elsewhere throughout the world. Please keep this in mind and in your prayers as you give personal counsel to Episcopal and Anglican clergy who express interest in entering into full communion with and seeking ordination in the Catholic Church.

Since the last issue of The Link two candidates have received rescripts allowing their bishops to proceed with their ordination to the diaconate and priesthood. On March 25-26 seven candidates will undergo the oral part of the certification examination in Newark at Immaculate Conception Seminary; they will be joined by two or three men for the assessment interview.

As you can see, the announcement by the Holy See of the possibility of a personal ordinariate for former Episcopal/Anglican clergy and laity has not diminished interest in the Pastoral Provision and its work. We are presently in conversations with several men who have not yet officially begun the process.

With regard to a Personal Anglican Ordinariate for the United States I can only say that this matter is under study by the appropriate offices of the Holy See and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. My recommendation is that we intensify our prayer for this work of the Holy Spirit drawing souls from the Anglican tradition into full communion with the Catholic Church, so generously embraced by the Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI as it was by his Predecessor, Venerable John Paul II. In our prayers we may profitably invoke the intercession of the Venerable—soon to be proclaimed Blessed—John Henry Cardinal Newman.

TAC Gives its Statistics: Receives letter from the CDF

The Traditional Anglican Communion, formed in 1990 and comprised of members from several former Anglican Church communities throughout the world who could no longer go along with doctrinal changes in the Canterbury Anglican Communion, recently published some statistics. The federation's leaders (bishops) made a profession of Catholic faith in 2007 and sent a petition (Oct.2007) to the Holy See for reception into full communion with the Catholic Church.

According to a Church Times (Jan.8) report from Cheryl Woodman, secretary to the TAC College of Bishops, the federation includes (using a standard of 60% of membership attending each Sunday) in India—130,000; in southern Africa—(four countries) 65,000; in Central Africa—(five countries) 25,000; in the UK and Europe, 1,500; in Canada, 2,000; in the USA, 2,500; in Central America, 7,000; and in Australia, New Zealand and Japan, 6,500 for a total of 240,000 active out of an overall total of ca. 400,000.

In the USA their unit is the Anglican Church in America and, in Canada, the Anglican Catholic Church of Canada.

Response from the CDF:

Meanwhile, the TAC primate, Abp. John Hepworth, based in South Australia, reported on Jan. 16 (www.theanglocatholic.com) that each bishop and vicar general who signed the Oct. 5, 2007 petition to the Holy See has received a formal response from the CDF, which includes instructions as to how to proceed. He indicated that the TAC had already made contact with other Anglican groups mentioned by Cardinal Levada (in his letter) who were also seeking full communion and that he (the primate) had names of bishops appointed to be liaisons with them from various conferences of Catholic bishops throughout the world.

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Miscellaneous

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Action in England-USA: As reported in the London Tablet for Nov. 28, the Bishops Conference of England and Wales has appointed a three-bishop commission (Longley, McMahon, Hopes) to deal with issues of Anglicans seeking to form or join a personal ordinariate as provided in the Apostolic Constitution. According to Bishop Alan Hopes, himself a former Anglican clergyman, Anglicans seeking a personal ordinariate must first approach the CDF, who will make a judgment and then contact the local bishops' conference.

Responding is an inquiry from the editor of The Link, Msgr. Ronny Jenkins, associate general secretary for the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, said that no formal discussions that he knows of concerning the Constitution are presently being conducted in the USCCB, but that Anglican/Episcopal units seeking to be part of an Anglican Ordinate should first make their petition to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Rome. The CDF will then contact the USCCB, which will take appropriate steps as indicated by the CDF.

Anglican Patrimony: In discussing the issue of Anglican Patrimony (liturgy-language, hymnody, service music, patristic theology, spirituality, ecclesiastical scholarship) the Rev. Stephen Trott in the Church Times, 12/11 adds, for the English: church buildings and churchyards, Mr. Trott thinks that the English will be loathe to leave their (often ancient) church buildings to become Catholics or, he says, to abandon the pastoral mission of the English Church to all persons living within a parish's boundaries who are entitled to its ministrations. "Very few congregations will wish to leave a greatly loved place of worship," he says. He may be right to some extent about the UK but these concerns would apply only minimally to the USA.

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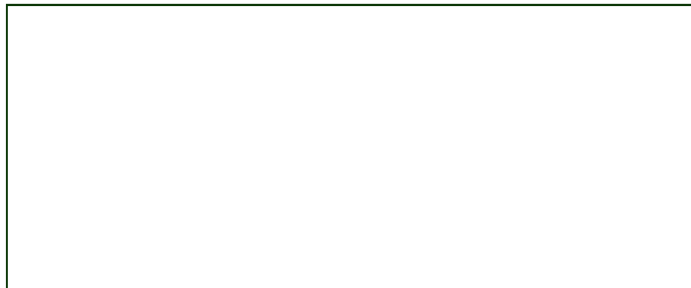
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