



THE APOSTLE

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FROM THE RECTOR

“Q. Who are the ministers of the Church?”

A. The ministers of the Church are lay persons, bishops, priest, and deacons.” The Book of Common Prayer, p. 855.

Notice, in the list of ministers, who comes first. It is amazing how easily we forget that. We tend to think of the Bishop as leading the diocese, the priest leading the local congregation, nobody is exactly sure what a deacon does, and the lay persons follow along. It is bad enough when bishops and priests act as if this were true. It is even worse when the laity are willing to play along.

No, lay persons are correctly listed first among the ministers of the Church simply because the Baptismal Covenant, in which we all share, supersedes the ordination and consecration vows taken by a few. In other words, my duties as a priest in the Church – to be a pastor to the people, to share in the governance of the Church, to preach the Gospel and to administer the sacraments – do not supplant the duties placed upon all of us by virtue of our baptism. We at Holy Apostles are well-acquainted with those duties, for we find them on the front of our worship bulletin every Sunday, “God is calling Church of the Holy Apostles to live in our baptismal covenant by proclaiming by word and example the Good News of God in Christ ... by seeking and serving Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves ... by striving for justice an

peace among all people and respecting the dignity of every human being.”

These are primary. I’m not saying that priestly or episcopal duties are unimportant; but in fact, many of them can, in the absence of priest or bishop, be fulfilled by lay persons. I am continually inspired by the story of the Christian faith in Japan. Beginning in the late 1500’s, Christianity was outlawed in Japan, and by 1630 what was left of the Church was driven completely underground. Yet, some 250 years later, when Christian missionaries once again returned to Japan, what did they find? They found women and men who, without any of our familiar churchly trappings, had kept the Christian faith alive.

I mention all this because our annual Diocesan Convention will soon be upon us. As I said at one of the pre-convention meetings, it seems from the resolutions that are being presented that the laity of the diocese are finding their voice, and standing up to take their rightful place of leadership among the ministers of the Church.

You can find those resolutions at the diocesan website, www.diopa.org, and I urge you to read them and let me and our delegation hear your thoughts on what’s being presented. Some of the resolutions are indeed controversial, and I am not certain how they will be received. But generally speaking, it would seem that winds of change are moving, and this I find to be an encouraging and refreshing thing.

The Rev. Dennis Lloyd +



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Sunday Worship Schedule

Holy Eucharist
8:30 a.m. - no music
10:00 a.m. - with music

Sunday School
10:00 a.m.
Choir Practice
9:00 a.m.

Parish News



WELCOME CHURCH...

takes place on the last Sunday every month at 3PM in Sister Cities Plaza, an open area park between Logan Circle and the Roman Catholic Cathedral.

If you would like to journey down together, we meet at CHA at 2:00 p.m.
Please join us!

CHA'S PIZZA CHURCH

takes place on the **second Sunday** each month at **5:00 p.m.**

Join us!



Genuardi's Club Card

Make sure you are signed up for a Genuardi's Club Card. Every time you use the card, Genuardi's will give Holy Apostles 1%. You must first register with Genuardi's at their service desk or at www.escrip.com. And, you must re-register with them every fall.

Super Fresh Gift Certificates

Super Fresh will give Holy Apostles 5% of each gift certificate sold. Please see J. T. Wertz to purchase gift certificates in \$50 or \$100 denominations. There are three families who currently participate on a regular basis netting CHA approx. \$1,000 per year. If we had greater participation, think of the possibilities!

Publishing Deadline: Articles for the parish newsletter are **due on the third Friday of each month** (unless otherwise noted) in order to allow enough time to compile, print, and collate. Please provide any items you would like published to the office by that day. Every effort will be made to include all appropriate articles, however, editing may be necessary due to space restrictions. Thank you.

Parish News

SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS

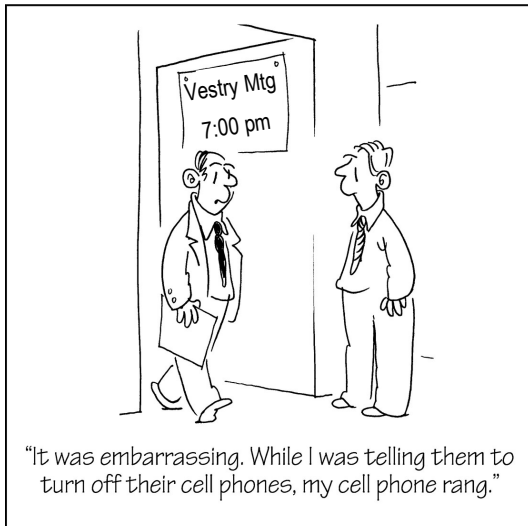
TAKE THE LEAD

Be sure to attend our Student-Led service on Sunday, October 30th, when our Sunday School students will be serving as Reader, Intercessor, Acolytes, and Ushers.



LITURGY ASSISTANT REMINDER

With the start of our new Coffee Hour Schedule on September 18th, the names of our Coffee Hour Hosts are now included in the weekly Liturgy Assistant Reminder email.



NEXT VESTRY MEETING

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

7:00 p.m.

Community News



Daylight Savings Time
ends
November 6, 2011.

Be sure to set your
clocks **back** one hour
before going to bed on
November 5th!

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