



PENNY JENNINGS

Mar Jennings named honorary canon at NYA annual dinner

At the 35th annual Neighborhood Youth Association scholarship and community awards dinner on May 12, Bishop John H. Taylor named Mary Alice "Mar" Jennings an honorary canon of the Cathedral Center of St. Paul in recognition of her dedicated service to her parish of St. Matthew's, Pacific Palisades, where the dinner was held. Taylor also lauded Jennings for her volunteer work with NYA, where she helps to raise funds for the agency's work with at-risk young people. This year's dinner raised \$46,000, which exceeded NYA's \$40,000 goal. More than \$30,000 of that total goes directly to fund scholarships. NYA honored Robert Brown with its volunteer award, and St. Augustine by-the-Sea Episcopal Church with its community partner award. For more about NYA and its work in the Venice area of Los Angeles, visit nyayouth.org

Sacred Resistance will sponsor May 23 program on incarceration, immigration

Sacred Resistance, a social justice ministry of the Diocese of Los Angeles, will present "Confronting Incarceration: A Sacred Resistance Dialogue" on Wednesday, May 23, 6–8:30 p.m. at the Cathedral Center of St. Paul, 840 Echo Park Avenue, Los Angeles 90026.

It will be an evening of education, film, and prophetic witness around themes of incarceration, beginning with a conversation with Patrisse Kahn-Cullors, co-founder of Black Lives Matter, about the Reform L.A. Jails initiative (reformlajails.com) from 6 to 7 p.m. The focus will then shift to the incarceration of immigrants, with a presentation from Cynthia Galaz of Freedom for Immigrants, formerly known as CIVIC. A short film, "Immigrant Prisons," will be screened. Participants will learn concrete steps that congregations and other groups can take to accompany de-

tained immigrants, such as through Pen Pal programs and visitations.

Dinner will be served. The event is free, but reservations are required to aid in planning; contact Troy Elder at telder@ladiocese.org by Monday, May 21.

#campstevenssunday

Join the Diocese of Los Angeles in celebrating Camp Stevens and its 66-year history of summer camps, wilderness trips, family camps, and year-round retreats. Those who use the hashtag [#campstevenssunday](https://twitter.com/campstevenssunday) on their social media accounts May 20 will receive a complimentary Camp Stevens sticker in the mail. Don't forget that Camp Stevens summer camp registration is now open; sign up today at campstevens.org. †



Training for Latino ministry to be offered

Bloy House will host one of two 2018 sessions of Episcopal Latino Ministry Competency, an innovative nine-day intensive course designed for diocesan staff, clergy, lay leaders, and seminarians.

The Bloy House session will be held June 11–18 in Claremont. An identical session will be held August 5–13 at the School of Theology, University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn.

The courses are offered by the Episcopal Church's Office of Latino/Hispanic Ministries. The courses will be taught by seminary faculty, lay church leaders, and clergy with extensive experience in Latino and intercultural ministry.

According to the Rev. Canon Anthony Guillen, missionary for Latino-Hispanic ministries, "Combining academic learning with hands-on experience, the purpose of this multi-faceted intensive course is to provide cultural competency of the history, culture, socio-demographic, and religious aspects of the Latinos/Hispanics in the United States, and foundational tools necessary for church leaders to discern and explore the type of Latino/Hispanic ministry that best fits a congregational setting and its context."

The course will be conducted in English. Registration for the June session at Bloy House is at bit.ly/2wOrFOF (deadline is May 31). Registration for the August session at Sewanee is at bit.ly/2lp6dJT (deadline is July 20).

Registration fee is \$2,400 for single occupancy, \$1,800 for single or commuter, and includes tuition, hotel accommodations, meals, transportation to and from airports, and transportation during the course.

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Heartbreak in Gaza, Jerusalem

By John Harvey Taylor, bishop diocesan

Jerusalem is breaking Jesus's heart again. Such agony this week in Gaza, where at least 60 were killed by Israeli forces and thousands injured. Two generations of Palestinians have been raised on the narrative that God and justice demand that they be allowed to return to their forebears' land in Galilee. Since March, their dream of home, fed by the discontent of living in a kind of prison along the Mediterranean coast, victimized by Israeli and Egyptian blockades and Hamas mismanagement, has inspired the Gazans' demonstrations and in some cases suicidal moves against the border.

It's impossible to fault Palestinians for trying to go home. It's impossible not to fault the IDF for overreacting, for using live ammunition against people throwing rocks.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

— SUNDAY, MAY 20 —

2 p.m. **The Laguna Beach Chorale: John Rutter's Requiem**

St. James' Episcopal Church
3209 Via Lido, Newport Beach
Information: www.stjamesnewport.org

4 p.m. **The Episcopal Chorale**

St. Gregory's Episcopal Church
6201 E. Willow Street, Long Beach 90815
Information: www.stgregoryschurch.com

4 p.m. **Evensong**

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
122 S. California Avenue, Monrovia 91016
Information: 626.357.7071

5 p.m. **Children & Youth Choirs Spring Concert: Hear Our Voice**

All Saints Episcopal Church
132 N. Euclid Avenue, Pasadena 91101
Information: cortega@allsaints-pas.org

6 p.m. **Festive Pentecost Evensong**

St. Bede's Episcopal Church
3590 Grand View Blvd., Los Angeles 90066
Information: stbedesla.org/music

— WEDNESDAY, MAY 30 —

7:30 p.m. **A Service in the style of Taizé**

All Saints' Episcopal Church
504 N. Camden Drive, Beverly Hills 90210
Information: www.allsaintsbh.org

For more listings and program details, visit www.ladiocese.org and select "Calendar."

And yet the young soldiers and their commanders are also products of trauma narratives, not only the whole of Jewish history (including two millennia of Christian antisemitism) but also the second intifada from 2000 to 2005, in which 1,100 Israelis died and 3,000 were injured. Proportional to Israel's population, that's Vietnam. Or Pearl Harbor. Or Sept. 11. We know all too well what such moments do to a nation's heart.

When children throw rocks, look not just for terrorist masterminds. Look for their hunger for home (an impulse common to all human experience) and all Gazans' urgent hunger for economic opportunity, shelter, electricity, water, and enough to eat.

When an army has a hair trigger, look not for evil hearts or even right-wing governments. Look for the perception and indeed reality of existential threat.

As we know from our own lives, when two sides in a conflict are acting out of trauma, God's greatest gift is a less emotionally involved third party who is prepared to mediate. An historic friend of Israel since 1948, the U.S. was relatively late to this work. I'm old enough to remember Vanessa Redgrave being called anti-Semitic for speaking up for the Palestinians during the Oscars in 1978.

It took 15 years more. But every President since Bill Clinton has done his best to walk the middle way. Integral to our policy has been leaving Jerusalem to final status talks. Everyone knows it's Israel's capital. But we also know that the Palestinians will need a capital, too. To keep east Jerusalem from being foreclosed as an option, we have withheld the gift that Mr. Trump bestowed this week.

He is right to expect Palestine's political leaders to do more to make the two-state solution happen. They are reluctant because their people, steeped in the return narrative, do not favor the continuation of a democratic Jewish state. But he was wrong to upset the status quo by extending unwarranted grace to the Israeli side by moving our embassy. As a consequence, we one-time mediators have favored one trauma narrative over another. We have destroyed trust that presidents have painstakingly build up since the Oslo Accords. We have appeared to abandon the Palestinians.



Daughters of Palestinian Jabir Abu Mustafa, 40, who was killed at the Israel-Gaza border during protests, mourn during his funeral in Khan Younis in the southern Gaza Strip on May 12.

The result of our government's ill-timed policy was Monday's grotesquely ill-timed ceremony. As Israel celebrated independence and Palestinians remembered Nakba, those two irreconcilable narratives, members of Mr. Trump's family presided serenely while Gazans were being gunned down just beyond the horizon. It is hard not to imagine that at least some Palestinians were tempted to risk their lives by the recognition that Washington had left them even further isolated.

"Jerusalem, Jerusalem," our Lord Jesus Christ said in Luke 13:34, "the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing." Prophets of homecoming were killed this week. They had thrown stones at their cousins, who were protecting their own homes and families. And just a few miles away sat our unwilling leaders, with no ears to hear our Lord's invitation to reconciliation.

But Jesus speaks not principally to warring parties and opportunistic politicians but to his Church. At a recent meeting of the Middle East and Jerusalem subcommittee of the Program Group on Global Partnership, its members and I began a conversation about a new diocesan policy for constructive engagement with the people and institutions in the Land of the Holy One.

We should continue to add our voices, of course, to those calling on all sides, including our own government, to work for peace with justice and to relieve the humanitarian catastrophe unfolding in Gaza. But there is also work we can do, using our region's and diocese's own human resources, to help build the foundations of an independent Palestinian state. We'll have more to say in the weeks and months ahead. For now, pray for the peace of Jerusalem. †