



The Deacon

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St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr, January 22, 2006

On Sunday morning, January 22nd, 2006, we will celebrate our paternal feast day with Confirmations, Receptions, and Baptisms and a visit from Bishop Lindsay Urwin from England. Bishop Erwin will be in town for a youth conference and to lead meditations at our annual clergy retreat for the Diocese.

That evening, we have a beautiful setting of Evensong planned at 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary followed by a pot-luck dinner and our Annual Parish Meeting. As always, we will be electing new leadership to serve on our vestry and at Diocesan Convention. There will be a report on ministry and parish finances as well as a "State of Parish" Report from Dean Reed. We will conclude with an update on the School Capital Campaign to finish out the Upper School Building.

Celebrating the Feast of St. Vincent is an appropriate way to begin 2006. The upcoming year looks to be filled with many blessings and many challenges. Ministry opportunities will abound in 2006. With God's grace, St. Vincent's will continue to grow and develop as we serve our communities in the name of Jesus Christ.

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Vincent has been called the protomartyr of Spain. Little is known about the actual events surrounding his life, other than his name, his order of ministry, the place and time of his martyrdom. He was a native of Huesca, in northeastern Spain, and was ordained deacon by Valerius, Bishop of Saragossa. In the early years of the fourth century, the fervent Christian community in Spain fell victim to a persecution ordered by the Roman emperors Diocletian and Maximian. Dacian, governor of Spain arrested Valerius and his deacon Vincent, and had them imprisoned at Valencia.

According to one legend, Valerius had a speech impediment, and Vincent was often called upon to preach for him. When the two prisoners were challenged to renounce their faith, amid threats of torture and death, Vincent said to his bishop, "Father, if you order me, I will speak." Valerius is said to have replied, "Son, as I committed you to dispense the word of God, so I now charge you to answer in vindication of the faith which we defend." The young deacon then told the governor that he and his bishop had no intention of betraying the true God. The vehemence and enthusiasm of Vincent's defense showed no caution in his defiance of the judges, and Dacian's fury was increased by this exuberance in Christian witness. Valerius was exiled, but the angry Dacian ordered that Vincent be tortured.

Although the accounts of his martyrdom have been heavily embellished by early Christian poets, Augustine of Hippo writes that Vincent's unshakeable faith enabled him to endure grotesque punishments and, finally, death.

Records of the transfer and present whereabouts of Vincent's relics are of questionable authenticity. We are certain, however, that his cult spread rapidly throughout early Christendom and that he was venerated as a bold and outspoken witness to the truth of the living Christ.

Sunday Schedule

Morning Prayer	7:05am
Holy Eucharist	7:30am
Choral Eucharist	9:00am
Christian Education	10:15am
Holy Eucharist	11:15am
Evening Prayer	5:00pm
Evensong is offered on select Sunday evenings at 6:00pm	

Weekday Schedule

Morning Prayer

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday	9:00am
Wednesday, Saturday	8:40am

Holy Eucharist

Monday, Friday	12:00pm.
Tuesday	6:30am
Wednesday, Saturday	9:00am
Thursday	6:00pm

Evening Prayer

Daily (except Thursday)	5:00pm
Thursday	5:40pm

Confession

Saturdays at 8:00a.m.-8:30a.m.
(or by appointment)

All weekday services take place in St. Mary's Chapel

St. Vincent's uses the 1979 *Book of Common Prayer* as its standard form of worship

Nurturing a Connection to God

One of the things that constantly irritates me is when youth leaders (and really all ministries) talk about how we are supposed to “bring kids/people/the lost to Jesus.” It’s as if there is some sort of mandate or quota or gate entrance. From personal experience, I can tell you it’s exceptionally difficult to bring, take, cajole, shepherd or lead a teenager anywhere!

Corinne Ware, assistant professor of Ascetical Theology at the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest, defines spirituality this simply: connecting with God. In her *Connecting to God: Nurturing Spirituality through Small Groups*, she writes, “That may seem too simple, but give it a chance; let it sink in.”

If we do anything here at St.

Vincent’s EYC, it’s nurturing a connection to God who is already there. When we use contemplative worship (like Compline or Lectio Divina) or movies or loud music or mission trips or messy games, our goal isn’t to lead a kid to Christ, but to reveal the Christ that is already in His life. A Christ that is seeking to be known, to be loved, to guide and to nurture. Christ amazingly and unexpectedly and scandalously makes Himself known to youth in liturgy, in a movie dialog, at a mission site, on the dance floor or around a campfire.

Corinne Ware writes: “Our efforts, then, are to enhance openness and availability. Spirituality is deepened by access. It is not God who is unavailable. It is you and I... In learning how to be ‘spiritual,’ our task is to

position ourselves so that we can hear the voice that always speaks, feel the nearness of the always present Presence, and speak to One who continually hears.”

Spirituality—contemplative, non-contemplative, connective, or whatever other language we put to it—is ever and always about paying attention, noticing the connections, and being company for God and for each other. And if we help our young people do that, we will find that they can love each other, love all others, and love God in the quiet and in the storm—we’ll have done well for them on their spiritual journeys.

Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth presents “A Training Day for Youth Leaders”

The Rt. Rev. Lindsay Urwin, Bishop of Horsham in England and one of the pre-eminent experts in youth ministry in the Church of England will present the workshop from Noon until 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 21, 2006 at St. Vincent’s Cathedral in Bedford.

Bishop Urwin is a professed brother in the Oratory of the Good Shepherd (OGS), a celibate dispersed religious order. His episcopal area covers the bulk of West Sussex with over 200 congregations. He is also chairman of the Board of Education with its 160 diocesan schools. In 1999, he co-authored *A*

Youthful Spirit with Pete Ward following upon their plenary presentation on youth at the 1998 Lambeth Conference. He was made a founder member of the Archbishops of Canterbury and York’s College of Evangelists in 2000.

This is an ideal program for youth ministers, Sunday School teachers, Vestry and church leaders and anyone who works with youth or who administrates a church with a youth presence. In addition to Bishop Urwin’s presentation, entitled “Apostles for Youth”, members of the Youth Ministry Advisory Committee and the Bishop’s Youth

Commission will also be present to talk about the direction and vision for youth ministry in the Diocese of Fort Worth.

The cost of the event is \$15 per person, which includes lunch at the beginning of the event and all program materials. For more information or to R.S.V.P. to the event, please contact Tom Riggs, Director of Youth Ministries at St. Vincent’s Cathedral. You can e-mail at: triggs@sves.org or call at 817-354-7911, ext. 18. St. Vincent’s Cathedral is located at 1300 Forest Ridge Dr. in Bedford, TX.

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Sec. 25.1 Vestries shall consist of not less than six (6) and not more than fifteen (15) members who shall be Confirmed Communicants in Good Standing of at least eighteen (18) years of age, canonically resident in the Parish, and who were financial contributors to the Parish in the preceding year as shown on the records of the Treasurer. Sec. 25.2 The members of the Vestry shall be elected at the annual Parish Meeting by a majority vote of the qualified voters present and voting. Except as herein otherwise provided, their term of office shall be for three (3) years succeeding their election, and one-third (1/3) of the Vestry shall be elected annually. *From the Canons of the Diocese of Fort Worth*

Name: Spring Chaltas

Tell us briefly about yourself, your family, and your ties to St. Vincent's, when and where confirmed, etc.

I am a native of Tampa, Florida and was raised in a non-denominational Christian faith. It wasn't until I met my husband, Charlie, that I came to know the Episcopal Church. He and his family have been Episcopalians for generations and it was Charlie who encouraged me to attend. In 1993, I was Baptized at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Tampa with Charlie as my sponsor. I spent three years learning all about the Episcopal faith and it's traditions when I realized that for the first time in my life I felt fulfilled as a Christian. In 1995, after undergoing a two-day course, I was confirmed at St. Thomas' Episcopal Church in St. Petersburg, Florida. Charlie and I were also married at St. Thomas' in 1996. We have two boys, William (6 yrs) and Jack (11 mo). We moved to the Fort Worth area in 1999 after Charlie's department was relocated and it is here that I began my career as a stay-at-home mom. While as members of St. Martin-In-The-Fields in Keller, we discovered that the Diocese was looking for people to help start a mission church in our area so Charlie and I volunteered. We had many responsibilities. I took on the role as Treasurer and was responsible for setting up and managing the finances. I attended a week long seminar called "Church Planters" and learned how to set-up, manage and attract newcomers. I was a part-time Sunday School teacher and a lector. I handled Community Outreach, was church liaison to the school where we held services and coordinated a seminar designed to get women in the area together for support and fellowship. I also worked very closely with the Diocese. Our oldest son, Will, began attending St. Vincent's Cathedral School in 2003 and this is when we made the decision to transfer to St. Vincent's. I feel very strongly about marriage and family values and it is the main reason why St. Vincent's means so much to me. St. Vincent's gives us an avenue to strengthen our Christian values and the tools to teach them to our children.

With St. Vincent's being the Cathedral for the Diocese of Fort Worth, what are some of the ways we

can set the standards for other parishes?

By looking at how well we are responding to our own parish and the needs of its parishioners. Verifying that all the programs we offer have the tools they need and are achieving their goals. And by ensuring that all the talents within our parish are being utilized properly and to their best ability. Being organized and confident in who we are.

Considering all of the challenges the church faces, how can we remain focused on making Jesus Christ known in all we do?

By maintaining our Christian values, standing strong to scripture and continuing the Anglican traditions.

The current problems with ECUSA and the ramifications for our church could be substantial. What are your thoughts on how St. Vincent's Church should react and proceed on this matter?

St. Vincent's should act in a scriptural sound manner and in line with the historic Christian church. Our actions should be measured, carefully thought out, prayerful and represent the thoughts of our parishioners, the diocese and the majority of the Anglican Communion.

As our parish experiences growth, what do you see as your role as a vestry person to contribute in the transition and development?

By understanding the needs of our parish, guiding with organization, developing with consideration and transitioning with prayer.

Name: Tom Connely

Tell us briefly about yourself, your family, your ties to St. Vincent's, when and where confirmed, etc.

Laurie and I have been married for 34 years. We were married in 1971 in the Episcopal Church where I was confirmed (Christ Church – Moline, IL, 1970). We have 2 sons, Mike and Pat. We have been attending St. Vincent's for over two years now and sing in the choir. I have actually been attending on occasion since the new building was dedicated (I have played trumpet with Barbara Burton since that time). I currently own a training company that trains people in corporate settings in areas of communications, management, and personal finance. My son and

also own and operate a real estate investment company. In addition, I have played in the New Philharmonic Orchestra for the past 21 years and serve as treasurer.

With St. Vincent's being the Cathedral for the Diocese of Fort Worth, what are some of the ways we can set the standards for other parishes?

We can continue to be a leader in the Diocese by promoting and confirming the true values and beliefs of the church according to the tenets of the Bible – not the values that are starting to encroach on the Episcopal Church. It goes without saying that the quality of the services needs to remain at their current high standards both in the clergy and the supporting ministries such as music, youth, teaching, etc. I also believe that it is critical to never ignore growth – bringing new members into the church. I have seen good churches die because they lost their focus in that area.

Considering all of the challenges the church faces, how can we remain focused on making Jesus Christ known in all we do?

As I stated earlier, it is critical that we stay with the actual teachings of the Bible. It is not a "living document" as some would believe, that changes with the fads of society. It is foundation for life – one that, if one follows it – they become role models for others to emulate. As with most things in life, people will follow strong leaders. By being a "role model leader", we can spread the word of God quicker than we can by telling people about it. In my many years of teaching, I have found that people will ask "role model leaders" why they do what they do. By exhibiting Christian qualities in our lives, we become living "advertisements" for what we believe in.

The current problems with ECUSA and the ramifications on our church could be substantial. What are your thoughts on how St. Vincent's Church should react and proceed on this matter?

I think we need to proceed with grace and firmness. We as a church know what we believe in and should not have to change beliefs that are scripturally based. We also need to focus on the things we can control even if other dioceses choose to disagree with them. Any organization, be it a church, company or

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Tom Connely (cont'd.)

country, that wavers from its foundational beliefs and tenets ends up weaker, and historically, they often cease to exist after sufficient time.

As our parish experiences growth, what do you see as your role as a vestry person to contribute in the transition and development?

I believe one of the roles of the vestry should be to assure that opportunities are presented that are of interest and benefit to all members. A strong church has to have involved members and people become involved with areas that they are interested in. This is especially important at the youth level as the children are the future of the church. Additionally, I believe the Vestry should focus continually on a balance of growth and development coupled with fiscal responsibility.

Name: Van Holbrook

Tell us briefly about yourself, your family, your ties to St Vincent's and when were where your confirmed.

My wife, Jennifer and I have been married 27 years. We have been members of St. Vincent's since 1980. I was confirmed at St. Christopher's in Killen, TX. I work as Inventory Control Manager for a wholesale jeweler in Dallas. Our daughter Courtney is a nursing student at UTA. In my years at St. Vincent's I have served on the usher team, lawn team and been a team leader in Little Rock Study.

With St. Vincent's being the cathedral for the Diocese of Fort Worth, what are some of the ways we can set standards for other parishes?

We can set standards by continuing to make Christ known in everything we do, staying focused on scripture and continuing our outreach programs.

Considering all the challenges the church faces, how can we remain focused on making Jesus Christ known in all we do?

Making sure all decisions are made based on scripture, prayer and guidance from the Holy Spirit.

The current problems with ECUSA and the ramifications for our church could be substantial. What are your thoughts on how St. Vincent's church should react and proceed on this matter?

Stay focused on scripture. Stay focused on God's will and not man's will. Continuing to strengthen our ties with the worldwide Anglican Community will be play an important part for our church.

As our parish experiences growth, what do you see as your roll as a vestry person to contribute in the transition and development?

Keeping an open mind to new ideas, thoughts and visions but not reacting to them without first seeking guidance from the Holy Spirit, Scripture, Parish leaders and prayer.

Name: David Midgley

Tell us briefly about yourself, your family, and your ties to St. Vincent's, when and where confirmed, etc.

I was born to an Episcopal priest and his wife in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1951. I was the last of five children. My father baptized me at All Saints Church, but passed away before I was two years old. I was confirmed at the age of 12 at St. Matthew's Church in Brecksville, Ohio. My mother and I moved to Hurst and St. Vincent's in the spring 1972. I have a B.A. in Government/Business Administration from U.T.A., and an Associates Degree in Electronic Technology from T.C.C. My wife, Mary Elaine and I were the last couple wed in St. Vincent's on Pipeline October, 22, 1988. We are blessed to have Justin as our son. During these past years, I have served as my wife's assistant on several Church projects to include Altar Guild, E.C.W. (now Women's Fellowship), and the Missions/Outreach Committee. We both sponsored the St. Vincent's Junior E.Y.C. from 1989 through the spring 1997. We served as Cub Scout Leaders for the St. Vincent's-sponsored Pack 575 for six years. I have been employed by the Federal Aviation Administration since 1979 in several capacities. Currently as an Automation Specialist at the Fort Worth Air Route Traffic Control Center, and have worked in various other capacities in the Regional Accounting and Logistics Offices.

With St. Vincent's being the Cathedral of the Diocese of Fort Worth, What are some of the ways we can set the standards for other Parishes?:

St. Vincent's, as the Cathedral of the Diocese of Fort Worth, is able to set higher standards for others far better than if we were just another parish. We are already looked to for what course to follow considering our denomination's crisis. We are setting standards as to how our children and the future of our faith is grown through the Young Churchmen, Acolyte program, our choirs, and the school. As an EYC Sponsor for over six years, I was always delighted

by the way our kids participated in large numbers, performed, behaved in public, and generally set good examples for the children of other parishes. We have sponsored several events for the Diocese and the Bishop for the last several years, to include the Mass of Collegiality, Convention, the National Network meetings, and others. Our new bell tower and the growth of St. Vincent's School into the upper grades serves as an inspiration to other parishes. An important way for us to set a higher standard is in our outreach in ways such as the Vision Clinic, our support of Milawi, and the Diocese of Northern Mexico. Being a leader of the Diocese is an admirable ambition, but sharing this giving with the other parishes of the Diocese will more deeply involve them to improve our service to our local and worldwide communities.

Considering all of the challenges the church faces, how can we remain focused on making Jesus Christ known in all we do?:

Through our examples, we will continue to work at non-exclusionist policies and practices of the National Church. It is through this that we will remain true to Christ's word and bring others who seek to know the truth into the Church to truly know God's love. By practicing this outreach, we can show the joy and love of God. We have many opportunities here in the Metroplex and around the world. There are programs already in existence that we support, and many more to be investigated. One simple way to make Jesus Christ known in all we do is by example in our daily lives. Our friends, co-workers, and casual acquaintances are aware of our behavior toward one another. By living the kind of life Jesus Christ would have us live, we are indeed making Him known.

The current problems with ECUSA and the ramifications on our church could be substantial. What are your thoughts on how St. Vincent's Church should react and proceed on this matter?:

Our problems with ECUSA are not new. They have been growing for more years than St. Vincent's has been a parish. We all would prefer that they go away; that this rift didn't really happen. But the National Church is continuing to pursue this course of action. We have no other choice but to follow our Shepard, Bishop Iker, and Dean Reed. These men have been called to Christ, called to this challenge by us, trained in the Liturgy, the Canons, and the Holy Scriptures as given to us by God. We must be diligent, and we must not be afraid to stand on our own without the National Church if that is to come.

January Birthdays

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| 1 Marjorie Hartwell, Karen McGuiness
3 Anthony Clark, Alexander Hutchinson, John McGee
Donna Thornton
4 William Smead
5 Linda Whistler
6 Frederick Ramseyer
7 Keira Luren Byno, Donna Price,
8 Matthew Dunn, Spencer Huddleston, James Welch
9 Megan Kirkwood
10 Jordan Avery Kirkman
12 Meredith Boroughs, John Williams
14 John Frederick Chaltas
15 Ade Sarah Fields, Renee Vickers
16 Winston Denny | 17 Cade Michael Vickers, Cole Patrick Vickers
18 Mike Bangs
21 Lucy Caroline Kellam, Reeder Mengwasser
22 Michael Christopher Dattalo, Wesley Rippy
23 Emily Dunn, Frances Elizabeth Ramey, Jearlene
Riley, Matthew Rippy, Andrew Walters
24 Justin Allen Midgley-Snow, Nancy Lee Staggs
26 Robert Decker, Patricia Dunn, Charles Lucabaugh
Rachel Brooke Milyiori
27 Spring Chaltas, Mark Cleveland
28 Taylor Hoffmann, Mary Catherine Ward
29 Elizabeth Lynn Mabe, Lydia Rismiller
30 Brittany Jackson, Fr. Jeffery Moore
31 Carrie Dion |
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From the Parish Records

Transfers Received

Tom and Laurie Connelly, from Christ Church, Moline, IL.

Note: You must be listed on our Communicant rolls to serve on the Vestry or as a Delegate to Convention, or to be eligible to vote at our annual parish meeting in January. If you haven't transferred your membership and would like to, please contact the parish office. If you have any questions regarding membership in the church contact the parish office or speak to Dean Reed, Fr. Moore, or Fr. Cantrell.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

January 1, The Holy Name

ONE SERVICE ONLY! 10:00 AM

Lay Ministers: SD – Randall Foster; LM – Jerry Lambert

Acolytes: S1 – Jordan Lambert; Cr – Nick Young; Th/CC – Chip Lambert; S2 – Claire Young; T – Leah Lambert; T – Natalie Young

Ushers: Cpt. – Harvey Craig; Charles Dowden; Rudy Jackson; Mike Staggs, Chris Webb

January 6, The Epiphany

7:00 PM, Pageant and Mass

Lay Minister: SD – Neil Rogers; LM – Tom Dickson

Acolytes: S1 – Victoria Jackson; Cr – Ashley Lamey; S2 – Matthew Ward; T – Alex Hautanen; T – Mathew Rogers

Ushers: Capt. – Rudy Jackson; Mike Staggs; Terry Brown; Joe Kalbfleisch

January 8, The Baptism of Our Lord

7:30 AM

Lay Ministers: SD – Lenore Rothman; LM – Tony Clark

9:00 AM

Lay Ministers: SD – Rick Ward; LM – Mark Cleveland; C Sharon Wilson

Acolytes: S1 – Meredith Boroughs; Cr – Jill Jones; Th/CC – Nick Young; S2 – David O'Neil; T – Sara Mueller; T - Natalie Young.

Ushers: Capt. Don Bendure; Jason Brown, David Cobum; Rick Jones; Stan O'Neil

11:15 AM

Lay Ministers: SD – David Ebert; LM – Jason Cowen; C Harriet Wade

Acolytes: S1 – Taylor Ebert; Cr – Paige Ebert; S2 Daniel Frey; T – James Duffer; T – Will McEntire

Ushers: Capt. – Terry Brown; Raul Ortiz; Jim Cox, Parker Crook

Evening Prayer 6:00 PM

Ofc. – Sharon Wilson

January 15, Epiphany 2

7:30 AM

Lay Ministers: SD – Ron Turner; LM – Dean Hautanen

9:00 AM

Lay Ministers: SD – Jim Hartwell; LM – Jerry Lambert

Acolytes: S1 – John Donor; Cr - Andrew Holmes; Th/CC – Nick Mueller; S2 Alex Hautanen; T – Matthew Ward; T – Claire Young

Ushers: Capt. – Bill Denny; Fred Dezendorf; Charles Dowden; Mark Dunn; Kyle Holmes

11:15 AM

Lay Ministers: SD – Mark Jeffers; LM – Ellen LoCurto-Martinez

Acolytes: S1 – Victoria Jackson; Cr – Ashley Lamey; S2 Jacob Jeffers; T – Jacob Mattson; T - Mathew Rogers

Ushers: Capt. – John Fain; Peter Grays; Chad Haney; Bob Johnson; Craig Jutras

Evening Prayer 6:00 PM

Ofc. – Tony Clark

January 22, Epiphany 3 (St. Vincent of Saragossa)

7:30 AM

Lay Ministers: SD – Josh Kellam; LM – John McGee

9:00 AM

Lay Ministers: SD – Neil Rogers; LM – Harriet Wade

Acolytes: S1 – Josh Jeffers; Cr Megan Kirkwood; Th/CC Victoria Jackson; S2 – Lacey Mattson; T – Jacob Mattson; T – Jacob Mattson

Ushers: Capt. – Rudy Jackson; Josh Kellam; Jas Kirkwood; Steve Manson; Mike Polley

11:15 AM

Lay Ministers: SD – Lenore Rothman; LM – Sharon Wilson

Acolytes: S1 – Jordan Lambert; Cr – Kelsey Thornton; S2 Chip Lambert; T – Leah Lambert; T – Natalie Young

Ushers: Capt. – Sam Kuykendall; Harvey Craig; Jowell Lee, John McGee; Bob Thornton

Evensong 6:00 PM

Lay Ministers: Ofc. Ron Turner

Acolytes: Th – Josh Jeffers; T – Leah Lambert; T – Gracie Riggs

January 29, Epiphany 4

7:30 AM

Lay Ministers: SD – Mary McKee; LM – Mark Cleveland

9:00 AM

Lay Ministers: SD – Neil Rogers; LM – Jason Cowen

Acolytes: S1 – Molly Rippy; Cr – Brent Troy; Th/CC – John Donor; S2 Mathew Rogers; T – James Duffer; T – Jacob Mattson

Ushers: Capt. – Chris Mason; Tom Parham; Russ Rumney; Scott Siek; Bill Smead

11:15 AM

Lay Ministers: SD – Rick Ward; LM – Tony Clark

Acolytes: S1 – Nick Mueller; Cr – Bill Whitfill; S2 – Mitchell Whitfill; T – Sarah Mueller; T – Will McEntire

Ushers: Capt. Steve Mueller; Mike Staggs; Chris Webb; Will Whitfill; Don Bendure

Evening Prayer 6:00 PM

Ofc. – Dean Hautanen

Legend:

SD – Sub Deacon	LM – Lay Minister
C – Chalice	Ofc – Officiant
S1 – Sr. Server	Cr – Crucifer
S2 – Jr. Server	T – Torch
Bn – Banner	T/Bn – Torcher/Banner
Th/CC – Thruifer/Clergy Cross	

Thank you for your ministry !



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As our parish experiences growth, what do you see as your role as a vestry person to contribute in the transition and development?:

Gone are the days of the old St. Vincent's way of life. We are now a vibrant, growing entity in the Diocese. Our Liturgy, magnificent music program, and excellent education programs both in the Church and St. Vincent's School have brought new families to us. These programs result in growth. In my opinion, one has to grow up in a Corporate Church to understand it, live it, and accept it as your interface with God. For those of us who grew up in small, pastoral Churches, we must accept this new growth as a gift in spreading God's word. I would encourage all our parishioners to become an active participant in the many social, educational, and spiritual opportunities offered at St. Vincent's. I would also encourage you to reach out to the new members, invite others and bring them all closer into our Church family.

Name: Thom Murrell

Tell us briefly about yourself, your family, your ties to St. Vincent's, when and where confirmed, etc.

I am retired from the insurance industry and reside in Bedford with Jan, my wife of 42 years, moving here from Corsicana in 1973. We were confirmed from Holy Nativity, Plano, at Incarnation, Dallas in 1965. Our two daughters, Shae and Chris, grew up at SVEC and SVES, married really great men, Chuck Lucaugh and Chad Nusbaum, and, along with our five grandchildren, are at St. Vincent's in different ways. Shae and Chuck and three children live locally and are active in the church and school. Chris and Chad and their two live in Nashotah, Wisconsin where Chad is a first year seminarian, sponsored by SVEC. Jan and I have been active in the church and school since arriving and continue to be very proud and involved with our church home.

With St. Vincent's being the Cathedral for the Diocese of Fort Worth, what are some of the ways we can set the standards for other parishes?

We need to always be positive and furnish the Diocese with active leaders and leadership. We need to make our facilities available to diocesan and national church programs and projects, sponsoring and even creating opportunities to make Christ known. We

need to set an example of seven day a week involvement, not just a couple of hours on Sunday.

Considering all of the challenges the church faces, how can we remain focused on making Jesus Christ known in all we do?

We must always remember, no matter how anxious or bothered we may be, it is still Jesus' church. We must continually confess His' name and remain steadfast in the scripture and creeds, living the tradition laid before us. If this is truly our guide, we cannot loose focus.

The current problems with ECUSA and the ramifications for our church could be substantial. What are your thoughts on how St. Vincent's Church should react and proceed on this matter?

We have been very fortunate to be able to see work and changes in progress, and to hear discussions concerning our future. We have a Dean and Bishop that are faithful to Scripture and tradition, and have the patience to let God work. We need to allow, not force, the process and remember, as stated in Romans, "All things work together for good, for those who love God".

As our parish experiences growth, what do you see as your role as a vestry person to contribute in the transition and development?

I need to be aware and involved with all that goes on and think progressively about positive change. I need to be open to making new things happen. I have been able to see and help our growth and will continue in our work. I will be willing to listen and be open to parishioners and those outside SV who have good ideas and fresh thoughts.

Name: Blane Nunez

Tell us briefly about yourself, your family, your ties to St. Vincent's, when and where confirmed, etc.

The Bishop confirmed me at St. Luke's in the Meadow in 1994. My wife has been an Episcopalian for 30 years. We have 4 children and 4 grandchildren. We were both active in the EYC and the YC for Several years. We have had 2 of children married at St. Vincent's. We are both deeply embedded in the functions of the church and the ongoing controversies within ECUSA.

With St. Vincent's being the Cathedral for the Diocese of Fort Worth, what are some of the ways we can set the standards for other parishes?

I believe the first and foremost way is our daily walk and of course our weekly attendance to Mass. However there is so much more to do on a Diocesan level, such as support for other parishes and events involving the Spiritual

enrichment of ourselves and furthering of Gods' Word.

Considering all of the challenges the church faces, how can we remain focused on making Jesus Christ known in all we do?

I believe that if we truly walk with Christ and through daily reading of his word then we will certainly be in tune with what he might require of us in action to keep his Church strong and following the path he has set before us.

The current problems with ECUSA and the ramifications for our church could be substantial. What are your thoughts on how St. Vincent's Church should react and proceed on this matter?

Again we have been given GOD's word and direction since the ancient times and as far as I can tell there is still only one way to GOD. I feel if we stand firm in the Bible teachings, whatever might happen legally, we will still prevail with GOD. We are all under fire as Christians in the world today and we must stand firm in our beliefs and difficulties just as Christ did on the Cross.

As our parish experiences growth, what do you see as your role as a vestry person to contribute in the transition and development?

I believe any Vestry member should have the interest of the parish at heart and thus must be aware of the pulse of the membership. I also have been in the leadership function in the secular world, so I believe this will be an asset to the daily issues that will arise. We have multiple issues to face in the very near future and I believe the whole parish must work together to stay strong in the Word of GOD, which will bring us to where He wants us to be.

Name: Scott Siek

Tell us briefly about yourself, your family, and your ties to St. Vincent's, when and where you were confirmed.

I have been a member of St. Vincent's since 1984. I have served in several roles at St. Vincent's over the last 20 years. Most of my service was in my youth, and I have tried to carry over my service to St. Vincent's through my young adult years. I was confirmed at St. Vincent's in 1990. I was married at St. Vincent's in November of 2004, and Kathleen and I are expecting our first child in April.

With St. Vincent's being the Cathedral for the Diocese of Fort Worth, what are

2006 VESTRY NOMINEES

Scott Sielk (cont'd)

some of the ways we can set standards for other parishes?

I feel that the greatest example St. Vincent's can set for other parishes is through evangelism. We are in the center of the metroplex with many opportunities to bring Jesus Christ to many people. We can accomplish this at the Cathedral as well as the school. In a time when we are heavily scrutinized, we need to take the word of Christ to our friends, neighbors, and anyone we see on the street and let his Word speak for us, not the actions of other parishes in other Diocese.

Considering all the challenges the church faces, how can we remain focused on making Jesus Christ known in all we do?

We can remain focused on making Jesus Christ known by regular attendance to services, becoming involved in activities, and daily prayer. We are all individually responsible for our actions, and with Christ's help, we can do our best to live a Christ-like life. Without his help, we will always fall short of our goal of taking his word out into the world.

The current problems with ECUSA and the ramifications for our church could be substantial. What are your thoughts on how St. Vincent's Church should react and proceed on this matter?

I believe that St. Vincent's should continue to follow the teachings of the Bible. We have been given an example of how to live our lives, and we should continue to follow it. The world around us will continue to change in an effort to satisfy the masses. We must remain strong in our beliefs, as they are taught to us through the Bible. If this means that St. Vincent's becomes part of the Anglican Communion instead of the Episcopal Church, than that is the path we should follow. We cannot sit by and accept new teachings and interpretations that go against what Jesus has taught us to be morally right.

As our parish experiences growth, what do you see as your role as a vestry person to contribute in the transition and development?

I believe I would have several roles as a member of the vestry. I have a vast knowledge of construction that will benefit St. Vincent's as we continue to expand and repair our facilities. We have people that have been carrying this torch for many years, and whether or not I am elected to vestry, I feel that this is an area where my gifts could be of great value. I

also feel that I could serve St. Vincent's by the bringing in and welcoming of new people and families to the church. My hope is that we will continue to grow in our numbers and our spiritual relationship with Christ.

Name: Will Whitfill

Tell us briefly about yourself, your family, your ties to St. Vincent's, when and where confirmed, etc.

I was raised Roman Catholic and attended catholic schools in Houston, Texas through high school. I am married and have two boys. I serve as Committee Chairman (adult leader) for the Boy Scout troop my boys have joined. I have a small farm in East Texas where I spend as much time as I can (but not near enough). My wonderful wife indulges me on these activities and I love her dearly for that. I am currently employed with Motorola in Fort Worth working on cellular phone systems. My family joined St. Vincent's in 1993 after we moved into the area. I was confirmed in the Roman Catholic Church in 1976 and attended "Inquires Class" as a fresher after joining St. Vincent's. My wife and I have been active in a number of church groups in our earlier years at St. Vincent's, including Married Couples and Dinners for 8. We took our turn leading these groups in those earlier years. I currently serve as an usher and my boys are both acolytes for the church. I would be honored to serve the church as a vestry member and continue the rich traditions the church has established as well as grow the church for the future.

With St. Vincent's being the Cathedral for the Diocese of Fort Worth, what are some of the ways we can set the standard for other parishes?

St. Vincent's has always set the standard for worship and fellowship in the dioceses in my opinion. The dedication to worship through music, prayer and teaching are a model for any church. The traditional High Mass is an example of Sunday worship at it's finest. The classroom learning between services rounds-out a complete worship experience on Sundays and provides interesting topics for discussion to all parishioner. We need to ensure these activities continuously serve the parish and dioceses as the model and remain "the standard" for everyone to follow while continuing to raise the bar and grow the church through new forms of outreach, particularly for our younger members of the parish.

Considering all the challenges the church faces, how can we remain focused on making Jesus Christ known in all we do?

We can not ignore the challenges the church faces in today's society. These challenges

will certainly not go away. We must continue to stand for our beliefs and what we believe to be the will of God. By putting Jesus Christ first in our daily lives and (naturally) at our church we will thrive and grow in our community. Through the support of the church parishioners (and thus vestry members) we will be able to enhance our ability to bring the teachings of God to everyone by trying new ways of outreach in the parish.

The current problems with ECUSA and the ramifications for our church could be substantial. What are your thoughts on how St. Vincent's should react and proceed on this matter?

This is no doubt the most emotional issue in the church today. I fully support Bishop Iker's views on this matter. I hate to see the church divided like this but I do not feel we should compromise our beliefs. I believe our church should follow Bishop Iker's lead in his attempt to uphold the teaching of the bible regardless of the consequences.

As our parish experiences growth, what do you see as your role as a vestry person to contribute in the tradition and development.

The role of any new vestry member is to bring a fresh perspective into the dealings of the church, both spiritually, and with respect to daily operations. New vestry members should play an active role in bringing new ideas, new energy, and a new outlook for the church while at the same time learning about and respecting the work already put forth by those before them in building the wonderful organization we have today. The vestry is there to grow the church and ensure it's continuing success in bringing people to God and making Jesus Christ known in all we do.

2006 Nominees for Delegate To Convention

Lay Delegates and their Alternates shall be elected by the Congregations of their respective Parishes and Missions at the Annual Parish Meeting and shall hold office until their successors are elected. ... Lay Delegates shall be confirmed communicants in good standing, at least 18 years of age. *From Article 2 of the Constitution of the Diocese of Fort Worth*

The following members have agreed to stand for election as Lay Delegates to the Diocesan Convention: Don Bendure, Robert Boyer, Tomie Craig, Susana Laird, Shae Lucabaugh, Tom Parham, Polly Post, and Ron Turner

Sunday School Happenings

December 28: Epiphany pageant practice Wednesday evening during J/hi and PALS

January 1: Happy New Year! No Sunday school today

January 4: Epiphany pageant practice Wednesday evening during J/hi and PALS

January 6: EPIPHANY PAGEANT

ALL Youth In the Diocese in Grades 6th-12th are invited to the annual BISHOP'S BALL

Saturday, January 14th
St Vincent's Cathedral, Bedford
6:00pm-10:00pm

Dinner and Dancing with a live DJ
Door Prizes and Giveaways

Attire: Formal

Cost: \$8 per person and One Canned Food Item for our local Foodbank
Questions refer to Ellie Halpin at: elliehalpin.youthmom@verizon.net

SPIRIT OF NEW ORLEANS



2006 AUCTION GALA

Please join us for a special evening celebrating St. Vincent's Cathedral Church and School with Silent/Live Auction, Dinner and Dancing

Saturday, February 4, 2006

Hyatt Regency DFW

DFW International Airport
Dallas, Texas 75261

5:30 p.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Complimentary wine served
from 5:30pm to 6:00pm

Proceeds provide educational materials,
financial assistance to students, and
educational opportunities for staff

A portion of our proceeds will benefit:
Cook Children's Medical Center
Rocky Top Therapy Center
La Gran Familia Orphanage
St. Paul's Episcopal School / New Orleans

Cash Bar • Black Tie optional
Visa, MasterCard, Cash, and Checks accepted

Reservation deadline Jan. 25, 2006

EVENSONG ANNUAL PARISH MEET- ING

"They reeled to and fro, and staggered like a drunken man." -- Psalm 107:27

We are pretty well land-locked here in HEB, but at Evensong on January 22, we are going to put out to sea, musically speaking. The anthem will be a setting of a portion of Psalm 107, "They that go down to the sea in ships," by Herbert Sumsion. Verses 23 – 30 of Psalm 107 are surely among the most picturesque and descriptive in the Psalter, describing a storm at sea and the ensuing calm. Sumsion's musical setting is a masterpiece of word-painting, and we will all feel ourselves trapped in the boat with the frightened sailors.

Such drama, which would be inappropriate in a Eucharistic liturgy, is right at home in Evensong, the great Anglican liturgical art-form. Thirty minutes of glorious music will put us all in a happy place before the potluck din-

Thursday Evening Class: The Great Theological Debates of the 16th Century

Explore the great theological debates of the sixteenth century. Randall Foster will lead a study of the writings of several important Catholic and Protestant theologians of the Reformation era. Among the texts studied will be writings by Luther, Erasmus, More, Calvin, and the early Anglican divines. No previous experience in the study of Church history or theology is necessary. The class begins on Thursday, January 12th at 7PM and will meet in the parish library. Please join us!

Cathedral Staff

The Right Rev. Jack L. Iker, Bishop
 The Very Rev. Ryan S. Reed, Dean
 The Rev. Canon Richard A. Cantrell
 The Rev. Jeffery W. Moore, Curate
 The Rev. Mark Parker, Deacon

Barbara M. Burton *Music Director*
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 Lynn Buffington *Head of Lower School*
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 Virginia Murrach *Sunday Nursery*
 Jamie Dixon *Nursery*
 Barbara Wojnicki *Facilities Manager*

Vestry

Harvey Craig *Senior Warden*
 Mike Staggs *Junior Warden*
 Ann Atkins *Terry Brown*
 Susan Frey *Rudy Jackson*
 Joe Kalbfleisch *Sam Kayem*
 Mary Elaine Midgley *Joan E. Miller*
 Liz Ward *Chris Webb*
 Rick Jones, Treasurer
 Ron Turner, Clerk

St. Vincent's Mission Statement:

**To make Jesus Christ
 known in all that we do**

Cathedral Bookstore

We are pleased to introduce a new section to our bookstore

C. S. Lewis
 20th-Century Christian Knight



On hand will be some of his inspirational writings and a collection of his works, including *THE LION, THE WITCH & THE WARDROBE* and the complete *CHRONICLES OF NARNIA*.



We will also carry books that give us more insight into Lewis, such as *C. S. LEWIS AND THE CATHOLIC CHURCH* by Joseph Pearce. Find out why, although "Catholic" in many aspects of his faith & devotion, he never became a Roman Catholic.

Need something other than books? Stop by and see the many other Christian products we have to offer. If you don't see what you are looking for, just let me know and I will be happy to get for you and/or maintain it in our inventory.

Contact Spring Chaltas
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Tape Ministry Table

Sunday Services, Special Celebrations, Adult Forum, Basic Christianity and Select Classes

All Tapes, \$ 1.00

Make a Joyful Noise

We are well on our way to fitting our bell tower with bells. Five bells have been purchased, and approximately \$2700 has been raised toward the purchase of a sixth bell. If you would like to participate in this permanent memorial please pick up a form in the office or from the table in the Narthex.

All gifts will be recorded in our Book of Remembrance and plaques for each bell will list donors. The plaques will be mounted at the base of the tower in the prayer garden. A donation can be made in honor or memory of someone or simply to the Glory of God. Bells yet to be purchased are:



Bell	Musical Note	Cost
2	D#	\$15,000
3	F	\$15,000
4	F#	\$12,000
5	G#	\$12,000

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