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Carrying Our Faith Into All The World

In this inaugural issue of *The Ordinariate Observer*, the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter begins — in a new way — a new chapter in our apostolic mission: Carrying the Holy Faith of the Church into all

the world, sharing our Anglican patrimony in communion with the See of Saint Peter. We have come a long way since Pope Benedict XVI brought us here on January 1, 2012. And we have much to do as we live into the holy calling of "Anglicanorum Coetibus."

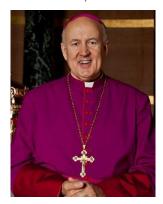
(Pictured: The Holy Father greets Fr. Charles Hough IV, his wife Lindsay and daughter Caroline, along with other members of the Ordinariate during our pilgrimage in February 2014). Below: St. Timothy's Fort Worth Palm Sunday.



Fr. Paul Manning to lead Our Fall Assembly Oct. 27-31 at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows

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The Joys and The challenges Of Growing our Congregations

One of the axioms of growing a congregation is that the members have to be actively engaged in bringing in new members. Church growth experts have noted the importance of the personal invitation from family or friends for bringing prospective members to the door. This is especially true for us, because the Ordinariate is not that well known.

Of course there is a balance to be struck here. Members of the Ordinariate are typically Anglicans whose consciences are leading them to full communion with the Catholic Church. The Ordinariate is a response to that "holy desire," as our founding constitution begins. So we do not compete for members. The only reason why anyone should join us is if he or she believes that the Catholic Church is true and necessary. But there is a principle imbedded in Romans 10:14 (how can they hear without someone telling them?) which applies here.

The Catholic Church teaches clearly that the future united Church will be gathered around St. Peter and his successors, the bishops of Rome. There is no doubt that the Ordinariate was created by the Holy See to be a living witness to this teaching. It will not do to say, "You go your way, and I'll go my way, because we are generally heading in the same direction!" The Church is called to be an objective expression of Christ's prayer for unity (John 17:21). This must not be obscured, even as we join in the Church's commitment to ecumenical cooperation.

We have begun to work on a course of study that could be used by groups of Anglicans trying to discern their future direction. What does the Catholic Church teach about herself? Why is the question of full communion so crucial? What are the spiritual and the practical issues involved when making this journey corporately, as a group? How can this be done without causing scandal and further division? These are difficult questions that must be answered by those who are exploring the

difficult questions that must be answered by those who are exploring the Ordinariate. Many people have offered their help in this task, and your prayers are earnestly sought to bring this to fruition.

I was going over my notes from the Ordinaries' meeting in Rome in February and was struck by the answer we received to this question: how would the Holy See judge the Ordinariates to be a success? The answer from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, which oversees us:

- 1. That we would be rooted in Christ.
- 2. That we would be a vibrant expression of the Anglican patrimony.
- 3. That we would be fervent in evangelization.

What wonderful criteria for our mission! May the Holy Spirit bring this to life in our life together!

- Msgr. Jeffrey Steenson







From TOP: Monsignor at Mount Calvary, With hardhat in the new Chancery, Praying at ordination of Fr. Jonathan Duncan

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News from our Principal Parish: Our Lady of Walsingham

Over the past two years, in the midst of celebrating the 30th anniversary of the founding of our parish, Our Lady of Walsingham has had the wonderful gift of living into the role of the Principal Parish of the Ordinariate, while remaining a parish serving Catholics in the greater

Houston area. In taking on this great responsibility given to us by the Holy See, Our Lady of Walsingham has experienced great growth spiritually and numerically. Over the past 30 months, Our Lady of Walsingham has focused in two directions: Toward the past, toward the 30-year anniversary of the parish's founding, and also toward the future, toward establishing a foundation for the life and growth of the Ordinariate.

The parishioners of Our Lady of Walsingham are looking forward to the

completion of the new Chancery in January 2015 and the arrival of Monsignor Steenson and the Ordinariate staff to their new offices. The lower level of the new 20,000 square foot building will incorporate an auditorium, which will help to provide much needed space for the work of





catechizing all who come to the Parish, as well as hosting events for the Ordinariate. In the immediate future we will be putting on a children's camp, toward the end of July,

welcoming more than 100 children and youth for a five-day exploration of the faith "once for all delivered to the saints."

from the upper left: Monsignor Steenson at Pentecost: Fr. Hough IV censing the OLW shrine; Monsignor and Deacon Barnett; Fr. Hough III in procession; OLW clergy past and

present.

Photos: Clockwise



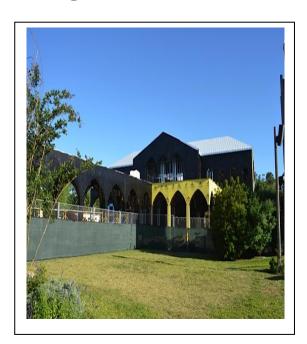


Celebration on the Day of Pentecost at Our Lady of Walsingham!

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Target date for our new Chancery: Early 2015



The new Chancery continues to rise!

And the construction project for the new home for the Ordinariate is proceeding according to schedule. From our groundbreaking ceremony last November 10, we have come a long



way. The 20,000 square foot, two-story building is adjacent to Our Lady of Walsingham Catholic Church, the principal parish for the Ordinariate.

"The people of Our Lady of Walsingham have worked tirelessly for many years to make this parish church a place of spiritual beauty and peace," our Ordinary, Msgr. Jeffrey Steenson, said in his homily at the dedication Mass. "The

principal church is an important symbol for the Ordinariate – giving identity, stability, and confidence for the apostolic work we have been given 'to return to the rock from which we were hewn.'"

Msgr. Steenson said the Chancery building "is a great step forward in organizing and uniting our communities throughout North America." Special gifts and donations to the Ordinariate – including the five acres immediately south of the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham – have provided construction costs for the project, which is expected to be completed in early 2015.

As you can tell from the construction photographs, the Chancery is a rectangular structure, with an openair courtyard in the center, and it will provide office space for Msgr. Steenson, and his staff, as well as an auditorium on the first floor and space for conference rooms, educational classrooms, and gathering areas.



From the inside: Looking out from Monsignor's office; Ordinariate staff with Monsignor during July 2014 tour.

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Move for St. Luke's Bladensburg (MD) To Church of the Immaculate Conception

Nearly three years after becoming a parish in the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter, St. Luke's Catholic Church in Bladensburg, MD, will be moving in September 2014 to the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Northwest Washington DC.

In a letter to the St. Luke's family, Fr. Mark Lewis outlined the deteriorating condition of the 60-year-old St. Luke's property, the need for extensive repairs to the physical plant, the limitations due to space, and the disadvantages due to location. He also outlined the financial difficulties that would become present should St. Luke's decide to purchase its property from the Episcopal Diocese of Washington. The church in October of 2011 entered into a three-year leasing agreement with the Episcopal diocese, an agreement that gave the parish the option to purchase the property at 75 percent of market value.



Rather than continue in the Bladensburg location, with all its limitations, St. Luke's and the Ordinariate reached out to the Archdiocese of Washington, which is strongly committed to helping the Ordinariate presence continue and thrive in and around our nation's capital. The Church of the Immaculate Conception is less than seven miles from St. Luke's, is located in a growing and thriving neighborhood, and has offered Sunday morning Mass times, rooms for refreshment and hospitality and Religious education for St. Luke's.

"This is an exciting time for St. Luke's," Fr. Lewis wrote. "In many ways our journey resembles the exodus of the Hebrew people from Egypt. We were comfortable in our former land, but God has called us to leave to seek more spiritually fertile ground." The first Mass at Immaculate Conception (**pictured above**) will take place on Sunday, September 7, 2014.

St. Gregory the Great moves to new location in Stoneham, MA

St. Gregory the Great Church began a new chapter on Sunday, July 6, 2014, when it celebrated its first Mass in a new location: in the Undercroft Chapel at St. Patrick's Church in Stoneham, MA.



"I bid your prayers, asking especially the intercession of our Blessed Lady, Mother of the Church, and Saint Gregory, for God's abundant blessings on our future. Glory to God whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or even imagine; glory to him from generation to generation in the Church and in Christ Jesus forever!"

--- Fr. Jurgen Liias, Pastor, Saint Gregory the Great Church

In a letter to the St. Gregory community, Fr. Jurgen Liias said: "After much prayer and discernment and receiving the approval of our Ordinary and the Archdiocese, we will graft our branch of the Ordinariate onto this large, vital, and most welcoming Catholic vine. We will therefore begin our second year of parochial life and ministry in a new context." They met previously at Saint Margaret's Parish in Beverly.

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"And there I was in Afghanistan"

Special report by

Fr. Jerry Sherbourne, Chaplain (MAJ) US ARMY

There I was in Afghanistan, eating lunch after the Sunday Masses with another Anglican priest and our Catholic counterpart. Almost as soon as we sat down my Anglican friend began the conversation by saying to our Roman friend, "So

tell me about the Immaculate myself, "Oh, my gosh, I can't believe What's he going to say that you my Catholic friend answered with a "Oh, that's easy. It's all very angel Gabriel mean when he said to grace, the Lord is with thee"?

My jaw hit the table. "He really thinks thought most Catholics knew the totally made up in the Middle Ages! Immaculate Conception — or a valid, possible interpretation of began to fall for me: If the Immaculate Assumption is true; and if the Assumption are true, the Blessed Heaven makes complete sense. And if invocation of the saints is true. And if Father is really infallible after all!

This was not the beginning of the end end of my days as an Anglican

Conception." And I thought to you're wasting our time on that! haven't heard before?" Then response that changed my life. Biblical," he said. "What did the the Blessed Virgin, "Hail, full of

it's Biblical." All these years I Immaculate Conception was Then it struck me. The something very like it – really IS Scripture. Then the dominos Conception is true, then the Immaculate Conception and the Virgin Mary as Queen of those are true, then the all that is true, I guess the Holy

for me. It was the end of the believer.

On December 8, 2011, in Afghanistan, I made the decision to enter the full communion of the Catholic Church and to seek ordination as a priest under the gracious provisions of *Anglicanorum Coetibus*.

Two years later, by the grace of God and with the intercessions and help of our Lady, I was ordained a priest in her honor on December 8, 2013, at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington DC, by the Most Rev. Timothy P. Broglio JCD. My family all beat me into the Church as they were confirmed during the Holy Triduum 2012 while I was still in Afghanistan. We are all glad to be home.

Reports from our Clergy . . .

Fr. George Ortiz-Guzman, Oceanside CA: St. Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Church meets for 12:45 p.m. Mass at St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church, Oceanside, CA. Coffee hour/catechesis at 11:30 a.m. We have about 40 faithful souls in our community. Ordinariate Clergy who may be interested in a future vacancy and in serving in Oceanside can call Fr. George at 619 892-1982, or the Vicar for Clergy, Fr. Charles Hough III, in the Ordinariate office.

Fr. Belen Gonzalez y Perez, Brooklyn NY: Received the Outstanding Alumni Award from Public School 172 Beacon School of Excellence. The school is a designated U.S. Department of Education National Blue Ribbon School, at a festive celebration attended by local and state officials. The Ordinariate's presence in Brooklyn was highlighted.

For John Worgul, Towson MD: Serving as parochial vicar of Christ the King, Towson, with Fr. Ed Meeks. Continues to teach the Bible, mostly on-line, and helps out in several Catholic parishes in the area. "It has been a joy to immerse myself into the vast riches of the church."

Fr. Mark Cannady, Boerne TX: Parish Administrator of St. Gilbert of Sempringham Community, which began in 2012 with six members. Daily Masses (Wednesday) now average 18, 43 on Sundays. Meets at St. Peter the Apostle parish.

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His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston, ordains Mark Baker to the Diaconate at Our Lady of Walsingham on July 7, 2014. Deacon Baker formerly served in the Reformed Episcopal Church and now teaches religion at Pope St. John XXIII High School in Houston. He will serve at Our Lady of Walsingham.

communities to be generous and consider providing for their clergy and wives the financial support necessary so they may attend the assembly. The larger communities in the Ordinariate are also being asked to consider donating additional financial assistance so that we might provide help to those clergy who are serving in congregations that are not able to provide enough assistance for their clergy. This will also include clergy who are serving as chaplains, or who may be assigned to institutions that cannot provide assistance. The cost of the assembly is \$350 per person, which includes everything except travel costs.

Given the theme of this year's assembly, we are hoping that our congregations will take to heart the need to provide assistance. The growth and health of the Ordinariate is a timely issue, and one that must be addressed at this stage in our life within the Catholic Church.

If your community would like to provide additional assistance beyond your own clergy, please send the donation to the Ordinariate office to the attention of Fr. Larry Gipson. Make checks payable to, "The Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter." Write on the memo line, "Assembly Assistance for Clergy."

We have set aside Monday, October 27 as a travel day. The assembly will convene on Monday evening with registration beginning at 4 pm. The assembly will conclude following breakfast on Friday, October 31, making that Friday a travel day.

FROM FATHER CHARLES HOUGH III

VICAR GENERAL/VICAR FOR CLERGY:

PRESBYTERIAL ASSEMBLY IN OCTOBER NEEDS THE HELP OF ALL OF OUR ORDINARIATE CONGREGATIONS

The second Annual Presbyterial Assembly of the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter is scheduled for Monday, October 27 until Friday, October 31, 2014. We will meet at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville, Illinois, a suburb of St. Louis. We are very pleased to invite the clergy spouses to attend this year. The campus of Our Lady of the Snows is beautiful, and the clergy and wives will enjoy excellent hospitality during their stay at the Shrine.

The theme for the assembly this October will be the issue of growth in the Ordinariate. We are being joined by Father Paul Manning, who is the Vicar for Evangelization and Executive Director of St. Paul inside the Walls, Madison, NJ.

As we move forward in the life of the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter, we are now preparing to address the issues that revolve around the growth and health of our communities. This is an issue that is on the minds of many of us in the Ordinariate. Fr. Manning is preparing to assist us in addressing this crucial issue.

At this time, in the early stages of development of the Ordinariate, we are very limited in resources, which could serve to assist our clergy with assembly and travel expenses. Monsignor

Steenson is asking each of our

CLERGY RETIREMENT PLAN APPROVED

After lengthy exploration, the Governing Council has approved a 403B retirement plan for the Ordinariate in the U.S.A. During the months of July and August, our clergy will be contacted and will be provided information on how to participate in this plan.

Communities who have full time lay employees are also allowed to participate.

While the plan is strictly voluntary, we are hoping that each community will strive toward contributing 10 percent based on the annual salary paid to each priest to the fund on the priest's behalf. This plan is very flexible, and will assist in providing for our clergy as they prepare for the future. There is a Lay Employee contribution component to the plan. This is another positive step forward in the life of the Ordinariate. We are hoping a similar plan can be provided to our Canadian priests and lay employees in the Ordinariate.

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A beautiful church plus beautiful country: A perfect place to live?

Yes, that is how some have attempted to describe Payson, Arizona, and the Catholic Church of the Holy Nativity.

Payson is almost a perfect place to live. Year-round, the temperature averages a balmy 73 degrees in the summer and during the coldest time of year, in January, the average highs are right at 70 and the lows are about 25. This almost-perfect location is in the beautiful Rim Country at 5,000 feet elevation, just 65 miles north of metropolitan Phoenix. This is the perfect place for a growing Catholic Church under the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter.

The Church of the Holy Nativity has grown in numbers of individuals and families, and enjoys the acceptance of the community and the other Roman Catholic Church of St. Philip the Apostle in the Rim Country. Father Lowell Andrews is very active in the Diocese of Tucson, attending Clergy retreats





Church of the Holy Nativity, Payson, Arizona

and the annual Chrism Mass and the annual Clergy Convocation. He is active in the Chaplains program at the local hospital, Chaplain to the MOAA (Military Officers Association of America) the Marine Corps and other community patriarchal events as chaplain. Father Lowell is also very active in the Knights of Columbus as a fourth degree member.

With the completion of the forth-coming campus of Arizona State University, things will get very interesting. Our beautiful Church and the beautiful people in beautiful country have found a home in the Personal Ordinariate of St. Peter. The future in Payson looks bright!

Father Paul Manning to lead Fall retreat in Belleville, IL

The retreat leader for our assembly this Fall has a distinguished record. Ordained in 1985 for the Diocese of Paterson, Fr. Paul S. Manning was appointed Vicar for Evangelization and Executive Director of St. Paul Inside the Walls by Bishop Serratelli in June of 2012. His vocation was nurtured, as the eighth of ten children, in the faithful home of his large family, and was discovered while studying wildlife management at Virginia Tech.

After completing undergraduate studies in philosophy, he earned an S.T.B. and M. Div. at St. Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore, MD. He ministered in parishes as parochial vicar, priest in residence, and pastor for twenty-seven years. As diocesan vocation director for ten years, he worked with men and women in discernment and formation. He served in the field of education for nineteen years as chaplain, theology teacher, and president of a Catholic high school, and, most recently, as Vicar for Education.

Fr. Manning sees his past priestly assignments as providential preparation for his current work and is excited to be engaged in the ministry of the New Evangelization. Convinced that God reveals himself in truth, goodness and beauty, and most especially in a relationship with Jesus, the Lord, he feels blessed to be living and working at St. Paul Inside the Walls, where these are sought and encouraged.

The conference is scheduled for Monday, October 27 until Friday, October 31, 2014.

Fr. Al Scharbach, wife Abby, and their seven children (Ander, Ellie, Isaac, Kady, Keelan, Sophie, Thomas) outside Mount Calvary parish after his first Mass as a Catholic priest – Nov. 16, 2013. Fr. Scharbach was appointed administrator of Mount Calvary in March 2014. (Photo courtesy of Renata Grzan Wieczorek).



Prayers before Mass by the server corps at Mount Calvary Church, Baltimore MD.

First combined Ordinariate Mass Celebrated in California

On Sunday, June 29, 2014, Saint Augustine of Canterbury Church, of Oceanside, and Blessed John Henry Newman Catholic Church, of Orange, celebrated their second anniversary of joining the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter with a combined congregational Solemn Holy Mass in the Father Serra Chapel, of the Mission San Juan Capistrano. Fathers George Ortiz-Guzman and Andrew Bartus also celebrated their ordinations into the Roman Catholic Church. Monsignor Jeffrey Steenson, our Ordinary celebrated the Mass. (Photos below)

The two congregations have come a long way. On July 3, 2012, at the Basilica of San Juan Capistrano, Monsignor Steenson welcomed the two congregations into the Ordinariate. Father George Ortiz-Guzman and 34 members of Saint Augustine's were confirmed into the Roman Catholic Church by Bishop Cirilo Flores, of the Diocese of San Diego. Father Andrew Bartus was ordained to the priesthood in the Catholic Church and twelve members of Blessed John Henry Newman were confirmed into the Roman Catholic Church by Bishop Todd D. Brown, of the Diocese of Orange County. A year later, on June 26, 2013, Father George Ortiz-Guzman was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Flores at Saint Margaret's Catholic Parish, Oceanside.

The combined Ordinariate Mass on June 29 was the first time since their receptions that these two congregations have had a chance to gather together and celebrate a Mass as one family. Fathers Ortiz-Guzman and Bartus worked together to facilitate the service, which was attended by almost 200 people. Monsignor Arthur Holquin allowed the two communities to use the Fr. Serra Chapel of Mission San Juan Capistrano, which lies halfway between the two communities. Monsignor Steenson flew in from Texas to celebrate the Mass and preach to his flock. The Mass was a glorious praise to our Lord in Heaven!



Fr. Jack Barker, Fr. George Ortiz Guzman (Deacon), Msgr. Jeffrey Steenson (Celebrant) Glenn Baaten (Sub-Deacon), Fr. Andrew Bartus (Master of Ceremonies)



Monsignor Jeffrey Steenson addresses members of the congregations from Saint Augustine of Canterbury Church and Blessed John Henry Newman Catholic Church



Fr. David Ousley at the altar at St. Michael the Archangel.

From Philadelphia: New Ordinariate community begins from former Anglican fellowship

Wonderful news from St. Michael the Archangel in Philadelphia: The Anglican Fellowship of Blessed John Henry Newman has begun its journey into the Ordinariate. Fr. David Ousley reports on this important event:

"When St. Michael's was received into the Ordinariate, part of our mission was to serve as a portal for others entering the Ordinariate in the region (including Southern New Jersey and Delaware). We now have an opportunity to fulfill that part of our mission. The Blessed John Henry Newman Fellowship has decided to start the process of becoming an Ordinariate congregation. This has some significance for St. Michael's – beyond the joy of having another Ordinariate congregation nearby – since Monsignor Steenson has asked me to help them through the process, and extend pastoral care during and for some time after the transition. They will have a period of catechesis and formation, so that they are as clear as possible about what entering the communion of the Catholic Church entails – just as we did in 2011-2012. This process began June 29." (From the St. Michael's newsletter, June 2014)

The Anglican Fellowship has been meeting in a Lutheran Church, under the supervision of the Rev. David Moyer, and will transition into a Catholic parish during its time of formation. Both Saint Michael's and the Newman Fellowship are in Northwest Philadelphia.

St. Gregory's journey from the winter of 2012 to today: A journey of joy

Fr. Jurgen Liias, St. Gregory the Great, Stoneham, MA



In February 2012, with then-Episcopal/Anglican Priest Jurgen Liias, the community which would become Saint Gregory the Great gathered for the first time. A year then ensued of meetings in small, prayerful discussion groups centered around Fr. Jurgen's decision to become Catholic and in helping the community learn more about the Catholic Church. His decision to become Catholic, and, subsequently, a Catholic priest, was deeply embedded. The unity of the Church has been for him a primary and constant imperative of following Jesus. In aspiring to this intention, he said, "Finally and perhaps most urgently, my decision to become a Catholic is driven by our Lord's high priestly prayer, 'May they be one, that the world might believe.'"

In April 2013, Jurgen's ordination took place to the Diaconate and Priesthood (in March and April 2013), plus further receptions. Following Fr. Liias' ordination, St. Gregory's and it flock was established as a community of the Ordinariate. Founding members signed the parish roll on our first Feast of Title and Dedication in September 2013. Since that time our community has rejoiced to celebrate our first Baptism and the first Reception and Confirmation of members outside our family. Since 2013, our community of about 25 to 30 souls has been resident at Saint Margaret parish in Beverly Farms, Massachusetts. The community moved during this summer, relocating to Saint Patrick's Church, Stoneham, Massachusetts. Our time in Beverly Farms has allowed St. Gregory's to build a program of highliturgical worship which has attracted additional servers at the Altar as well as worshipers in the pews. We believe our new location will make us more easily accessible, as we join in a large and welcoming parish at St. Patrick's. This will be of great benefit as we move forward in the faith. We bid the prayers of all for growth and success.

NEWS AND PICTURES:

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A glorious Day in the Life of St. Timothy's parish in Fort Worth, June 5, 2012, the day the congregation was confirmed in the Catholic Church!

Ordinariate Finance Council appointed

Monsignor Steenson has appointed four active and faithful Catholics with experience in the field of accounting, finance and financial management to serve five-year terms on the Finance Council of the Ordinariate. The Council, under the direction of the Ordinary, will be responsible for oversight of the financial affairs of the Ordinariate and its communities.

The appointees are Elizabeth Condic, Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Bismarck, ND; Carl Davis, Our Lady of Walsingham, Houston; Patrick A. Delaney, St. Luke's, Bladensburg, MD; and Timothy Dunne, St. John the Evangelist, Calgary, AB.

Mrs. Condic is Director of Finance and Administration at the University of Mary in Bismarck. Mr. Delaney is an officer and director for several mineral and exploration companies, with experience in international banking. Mr. Davis is an investor, consultant, and former CEO in the oil and tool industry. Mr. Dunne is a chartered accountant in England and Wales, and former CFO for large firms in the Canadian energy sector.

The Council will be assisted by Mr. Mark Stockstill, business manager for the Ordinariate; Ms. Barbara Jonte, executive assistant to the Ordinary, and Fr. Laurence Gipson, Vicar for Finance and Administration.

The Council will meet quarterly.





Celebration in Toronto! Monsignor Steenson celebrating the Patronal Mass at St. Thomas Moore Catholic Church this summer.



Fr. Michael Shier leads the Fellowship of Our Lady of Walsingham, Vancouver, in prayer at the Chapel of St. Thomas. The fellowship was received into the Catholic Church in 2012, and now has 10-18 at Mass on Sundays. Fr. Shier was ordained March 15, 2014.

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His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo tours the new Chancery on July 7.