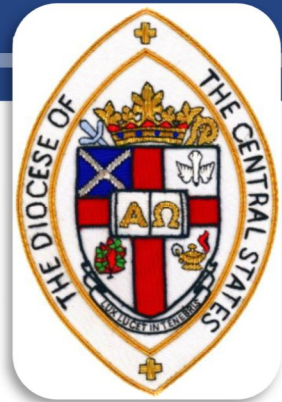


Diocese of the Central States News

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Indonesia Bound! News from the Colvin Family

On Sunday June 12, Fr Matt Colvin will preach in his home parish, Trinity Church (Mason OH), and with representation of the Diocese of Central States and the REC Board of Foreign Missions, the church will host the Colvin family to a special meal and send-off. The Colvins will then visit family on the West Coast before flying to Asia June 26-27. An excerpt from their May newsletter details some of the challenges they will face:

It takes time and work to adapt to a new place. Language and culture have been difficult since the Tower of Babel. Learning a language requires putting ourselves in situations where we don't know what other people are saying. Navigating bureaucracy and new rules requires extra time and contrivance. There is no substitute for hard work and for leaving your comfort zone. But the effort is worth it, because when missionaries finally start to fit (I say "start", for the process is never finished), we find that God has actually designed us – equipped us, called us, and sent us – to do work that builds up His Church in a new place.

We expect to send our next newsletter from Singapore, where we will receive instructions and orientation from the bishops and clergy with whom we will be working in the future. We hope that with preparation and diligence and the right adaptors we can "plug in" and become useful and functioning parts in the Anglican Church in Indonesia.

Please pray for the whole family as they travel and adapt to a new field of service, and consider sending a special gift towards the expenses of travel and getting started in their new field. You can donate online at: <http://www.recbfm.org/donate/default.html>.



For more about the Colvins, visit

<http://colvinism.wordpress.com> or <http://receivewithmeekness.wordpress.com>

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Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Parish/Mission	Date
Christ Our Hope, Westpoint, TN	06/19/2016
Trinity REC, Mason, OH	06/26/2016
All Saints, Raleigh, NC	07/03/2016
Fr. Matt & Sora Colvin	07/10/2016
Christ the King, Dayton, OH	07/17/2016
Trinity Anglican, Evansville, IN	07/24/2016
St. Paul's, Greenfield, IN	07/31/2016
St. James, Memphis, TN	08/07/2016
Holy Trinity, Fairfax, VA	08/14/2016
Church of the Redeemer, Wilson,	08/21/2016
St. Jude's, Richmond, VA	08/28/2016
Christ Our Hope, Dayton, OH	09/04/2016
St. Lazarus, Dayton, OH	09/11/2016

Year-End State of the School Address

By Dss. Michelle Caldwell, Head of School

Dominion Academy of Dayton celebrated commencement on the second Sunday of Trinity 2016. Fr. Matthew Colvin, soon to be ministering in Indonesia with his wife and four children, delivered the convocation. Our graduates and those attending were encouraged and convicted by Fr. Matt's sermon concerning our Lord Jesus as a young man. We had dual Valedictorians for the first time due to GPAs coming in tied to the thousandth point. The ceremonies marked the completion of our 18th year as a classical Christian school operating as a ministry of Christ the King Anglican Church where Fr. Wayne McNamara is rector.

The school requires one parent be regularly attending a local orthodox Christian church in order to enroll a student. So it may come as no surprise that DA's students came from nearly 50 local churches emanating from some 12 different streams in Christendom. About 30% of the student body is Roman Catholic, a couple are Orthodox, about 13% are Anglican, and the remaining 55% are some version of Protestant. Not coincidentally, the staff make-up also reflects this diversity but with a higher percentage of Anglicans. This make for lots of lively discussion among the student body and with staff, offering a beautiful opportunity for learning to love the uniqueness of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

This past year brought us about 125 students including both academic, athletic, full-time and part-time (home school), preparatory, junior high, and high school. While this number is not huge for a 1-12 school, it has been improving over the past couple years and helps establish an upward trend in enrollment from year to year. Despite our small numbers, and nearly exclusive part-time employees, we are able to boast National Merit Scholars nearly every year, many dedicated young Christians, loyal stakeholders, highly qualified staff, and excellent curriculum and programming.

In the 2015-2016 school year we had about 56 girls and 66 boys. Four foreign exchange students attended DA, with three finishing the year. Students from Thailand, Rwanda, and Spain have all begun the process of seeking admission (our limit is seven which we have never reached). One of our Asian students who had come to us an atheist two years ago, made a profession of faith in Jesus Christ recently. We heard about the wonderful news in Worldview class during the last week of school.

Unfortunately, he is not able to return to us next year, but we will continue to pray for increasing wisdom, grace, and discipleship for him as he moves to the next stage of his journey.

Our students came to us from 7 counties, 18 different communities—Mason to Troy, New Carlisle and Springfield, families found their way to Dominion. While we have drawn students from all over southwest Ohio and hope to continue doing so, we have also desired to offer a superior Christian education to those in our own neighborhood. Often, the cost of private education has prohibited that. Now that we have become a charter school (January 2016) this will enable us to take in more students from Christian families in the near vicinity. With the charter and kindergarten classes we are adding next year, it became apparent we need more class room space.

So in May this year, we embarked on a fundraising campaign to raise money to create new classrooms above the gallery and to open up existing classrooms space to greater capacity. We were all blessed when within a couple weeks, our stakeholders—parents, alumni, and friends of DA—stepped forward and raised half of the needed funds. We are planning to borrow the remainder for a very aggressive interest rate and terms. We appreciate all the generosity and kindness to us, and look forward to another exciting year of biblical studies, soccer, and Socrates.

For more information, visit <http://dominionacademy.org/>



Dominion Academy of Dayton is a classical Christian school providing a college preparatory education based on the Bible, reason, and Tradition. We strive to be an academic community which prizes learning well to love well.

Updates from Church of the Redeemer, Wilson, NC

By The Rev. Paul Edgerton

The Lord has been faithful to the Church of the Redeemer in Wilson, North Carolina. We are growing bit by bit with young men and women coming to Christ and to a sense of his calling on their lives.

Confirmations: In April we were blessed to have our bishop with us for Confirmations. The visit meant all the more to us for the real hardships Bishop Morse endured in order to be with us. He persevered through physical weakness and pain and a nasty fall, out of his love for his diocese; what an example to our young flock of selfless ministry and devotion to the call of Christ. Bishop Morse confirmed four young people while he was with us.



Grey Lowery (far left in the picture) comes from a Christian family in the Methodist tradition and is a college student preparing for a vocation in ministry. Megan Hickey (next in the picture) is a high school senior who was brought up as a child in the Roman church but had lost her faith. The Lord brought her to us to find that faith again, and now she serves as a greeter and usher and helps with our children's ministry and is a strong encourager in the Lord. Ashley Ellis came to Christ in our weekly Bible study back before we were Reformed Episcopalians. Military, marriage, and life kept her away for a while, and now she is back at Redeemer where we like to have her! I had the honor of baptizing her sweet daughter Airiz last year. Finally, Zachary Farmer is a senior in high school. He came to faith in Christ just months ago and was looking for a place to learn and grow. We are glad he was led to us. He serves as an acolyte and lector and general church jester.

Wilson Pregnancy Center: Redeemer has always supported the Wilson Pregnancy Center as part of our passion for life. Last month we hosted for the second year a table at their annual fund-raising dinner. This local ministry to women and men impacted by pregnancy and/or abortion and in need of resources and care has big plans for relocation and growth, and we are proud to be partners with them. Pictured at the table are Secora Pickett, who is our Lead Lector and a great intercessor in our parish; Megan Hickey, who you met above; Tyler Crocker, our pianist and parish representative to Synod; and their jolly pastor.



Litany at the Courthouse: During Lent Archbishop Foley encouraged us to pray at our town halls and courthouses. We were asked not to "make a big splash" about it but to pray for our leaders and communities and nation. We at Redeemer took this to heart and decided to pray on Monday afternoons for the remainder of Lent with an eye toward monthly gatherings thereafter. The congregation responded so well that we decided to keep gathering weekly. At 4:30 on Monday afternoons we gather in front of the courthouse, usually four or five of us, to sing a hymn and pray the Litany from the prayer book. We like this prayer for this purpose because it is penitential as well as intercessory. This is a service we can do for our community and also a witness we can offer outside of our four walls. We want others to join us as well, from other churches and even strangers. One afternoon we had a woman join us after Zack (our jester above) passed her on the sidewalk and invited her. She might have been the first ever to pray the classic Litany in short shorts while smoking a cigarette. We pray that the Lord will help us to be a constant, faithful testimony of his grace as we call for the deliverance and renewal our city so desperately needs.

For more information, visit <https://redeemerwilson.com/>.

Trinity REC Dedicates New Bishop's Chair on Palm Sunday

By Andrew Goetz

Palm Sunday was particularly special at Trinity REC in Mason this year. Bishop Morse came to visit and to dedicate a new Bishop's chair for Trinity's chancel. The Bishop's chair was fashioned by craftsman and Trinity congregant Jim Pickup. Jim built the chair in his home workshop using wood from a neighbor's tree. Bishop Morse had the honor of being the first bishop to sit in this beautiful chair during Trinity's Palm Sunday service.

For more information, visit <http://www.trinityrec.org/>



Craftsman Jim Pickup



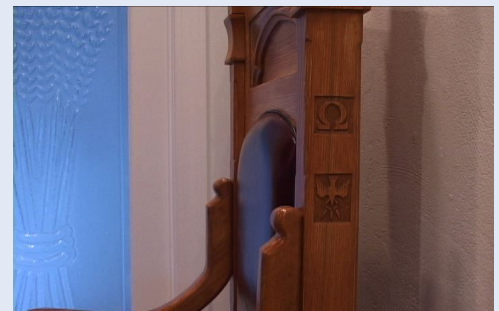
Side detail, Bishop's Chair



Side view, Bishop's Chair



Side detail, Alpha and silver dollar



Side detail, Omega and dove



Bishop Morse in the Bishop's Chair



Bishop's chair in Trinity's chancel

Announcements from The REC Committee on Women's Ministry

Orders are now being accepted for our **2016-2017 Devotional Book** entitled *Consolation and Good Hope Through Grace*, a topical study in St. Paul's epistles to the Thessalonians. The study was written by Dss. Teresa R. Johnson, who attends St. James Anglican Church in Memphis, TN. The books are available for a donation of \$4.00 per copy. Contributions to help defray the cost of shipping will be appreciated. An order form and additional information are available at this address:

<https://rec-cowm.org/devotional-booklet/>

To determine the number of books we need to print, we ask that orders be received by Saturday, June 25, 2016. Orders received after this date will be filled based on availability. The books will be shipped by mid-August.

The 60th **Spiritual Enrichment Conference** will be held September 30 through October 2 at The DoubleTree by Hilton Williams Hotel and Conference Center in Williamsburg, VA.

During this year's Conference, a formal Black Tie Affair will be held on Saturday evening to celebrate our Diamond Anniversary. Men are invited to join us for the weekend and witness firsthand the blessings God has bestowed upon us over the past 60 years of Spiritual Enrichment Conferences.

The conference theme is "**Consolation and Good Hope Through Grace**," referencing 2 Thessalonians 2:15-17:

"Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle. Now our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work."

For information about cost and accommodations, visit <https://rec-cowm.org/sec-conference-2016/>

Bishop Morse's Schedule

June

5—Trinity 2—Covenant, Roanoke
12—Trinity 3
19—Trinity 4
19-23—ACNA Provincial Assembly
20-24—Executive Committee Meeting, Provincial Council Meeting and College of Bishops Meeting in Charleston
26—Trinity 5

July

3—Trinity 6
10—Trinity 7—Christ Our Hope, Westpoint, TN
17—Trinity 8
24—Trinity 9
31—Trinity 10—Christ the King, Dayton

August

7—Trinity 11
14—Trinity 12
21—Trinity 13
24—St. Bartholomew, anniversary of my consecration
28—Trinity 14

September

4—Trinity 15—St. Paul's, Greenfields, IN
11—Trinity 16—St. Nicholas, Owensboro
18—Trinity 17
25—Trinity 18

October

2—Trinity 19—St. James, Memphis
9—Trinity 20—Trinity, Evansville, IN
16—Trinity 21
23—Trinity 22
27, 28—Synod St. Jude's, Richmond
30—Trinity 23

November

1—All Saints—All Saints, Lynchburg
6—Trinity 24—Trinity, Evansville
13—Trinity 25—Trinity, Mason, OH
20—Sunday Next Before Advent, Christ the King
27—First Sunday in Advent

December

4—Second Sunday in Advent
11—Third Sunday in Advent
18—Fourth Sunday in Advent
25—Christmas Day