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Vision Statement: The Diocese of Northwest Texas is a community of mission outposts which invite in and welcome people who are seeking Jesus, train them to be his disciples, and send them into the world to do the work God has called them to do.

Mission Statement: The Diocese of Northwest Texas will provide the energy, resources and support necessary to help all our communities become mission outposts and, where needed, to help plant new ones.

ECW Conference and Retreat September 17-19 at BQCC

Led by Sylvia Maddox, co-author of *Praying with the Celtic Saints*, religious educator and retreat and workshop leader in the areas of prayer and spirituality. She is a member of the Church of Reconciliation in San Antonio and has served in a number of cross-cultural and missionary fields. She is currently on the faculty of the University of the Incarnate Word. Mrs Maddox says, "Prayer doesn't have to be just one way. There's a whole treasure chest of ways to pray. If one isn't working, use another one." Registration deadline is September 1. Cost for the weekend is \$95. Check-in is 3:00 PM Friday, 9/17. Contact skimbrough3109@cox.net or 806.745.7740.

Going Forward Together a conference for lay leaders and clergy Oct 24-26, St. Michael & All Angels, Dallas

More than 20 useful workshops for strengthening local parishes. Keynote speakers include Phyllis Tickle and John Westerhoff. Log on to goingforwardtogether.org. \$150 per person. \$100 for each additional person from a parish or organization.

Council for the Diaconate Appointments

Bishop Ohl has appointed a new Council for the Diaconate in accordance with Title III Constitution and Canons revisions. The Council will oversee the training program for the permanent diaconate. The Rev. Jim Liggett of St. Mary's, Big Spring and Chair of the Commission on Ministry; the Rev. David Krause, Canterbury Chaplain at Texas Tech University, Archdeacon Dana Wilson of Holy Trinity, Midland; and Deacon Melissa Wafer-Cross of St. Christopher's, Lubbock, were appointed to the Council.

New Postulants for Holy Orders

With the advice and consent of the Commission on Ministry, Bishop Ohl admitted five new Postulants for Holy Orders on June 21. Robert Klemme of Holy Trinity, Midland, and Philip Ray of Emmanuel San Angelo will be reading for orders in the priesthood in the Diocese of Northwest Texas. Laurie Benavides of St. Barnabas', Odessa; Kathleen Borsch of St. Christopher's, Lubbock; and Gary Sanford of Emmanuel, San Angelo are postulants for the permanent diaconate in the diocese.

2004 Nominations Deadline August 2

Nominations for Standing Committee, Trustee, Ecclesiastical Trial Court, and Deputies and Alternates to General Convention 2006 and Provincial Synod are due in the diocesan office August 2. For forms and information please contact your church office or Carolyn at diocese@nwt.org.

Reports to Annual Convention 2004 due August 23

Reports to the 2004 Annual Diocesan Convention are due no later than August 23 for inclusion in the convention packet. Reports should be sent via e-mail and/or as an attachment or on a disc via mail, single spaced, accompanied by a printed copy. Contact Carolyn Hearn at diocese@nwt.org.

Petitions, Memorials and Resolutions due September 14

All petitions, memorials and resolutions, other than courtesy resolutions and resolutions from Convocations, need to be submitted to the Episcopal Center in writing at least 45 days prior to the convening of Convention. Deanery Convocations need to send written copies of their resolutions to each congregation and the Episcopal Center at least 14 days prior to the opening session of Convention which is October 15.

Seeing the Face of God in Each Other... Creating an Awareness of Racism" Province VII Convocation - 2004

The 2004 Province VII Convocation will be held September 30 - October 1, 2004 on the University of Oklahoma campus. Thursday evening's panel will focus on the challenges of ethnic ministries, particularly Hispanic (the Rev. Jaime Case of the Center for Hispanic Ministries), Nigerian (the Ven. Dr. Ernest Oramasionwu, Archdeacon for African Ministries of the Diocese of Dallas), African American (Shirley Bolden, Province VII ECW President) and Native American (the Rev. Dr. Carol Hampton, World Council of Churches and National Council of Churches). Friday's program will feature the Rev. Jayne Oasin, staff office for Anti-Racism for the Episcopal Church Center and will focus on the skills needed to do ministry in a multi-ethnic, multi-cultural society. Registration \$85. Contact yck@sbcbglobal.net or call 405.570.2483

Prayers and Thanksgivings:

The Rev. Joan Rudolph, Coleman, is at home in the care of Hospice. Please continue to keep Joan and Baker and their family and those who minister to her in your prayers. **The Rev. Roz Thomas**, Heavenly Rest, Abilene, begins chemotherapy this week following surgery for breast cancer. **Deacon Phil Corbett** (Brownfield) continues to recover from treatment for cancer of the jaw. **Edna Chambers**, diocesan Business Manager, is recuperating from surgery and continues treatment for Crohn's disease.

Deacon Roland Rose's (St. John's, Odessa) Aunt Ted, 102, died in Tulsa, and his older brother, Don, died July 7.

Congratulations to the Rev. Josie Rose, Holy Trinity and Santa Maria Virgen, Midland, who has been appointed by Bishop Ohl to the Board of the Center for Hispanic Ministries in Austin, and **thank you to the Rev. Bernardo Martinez** who has recently completed a three-year term on the board.

Bishop's Appointments: **Gaylon Simmons** of St. Stephen's, Lubbock, has been appointed to complete the term of Carl Luckenbach on the Northwest Texas Episcopal Board of Trustees.

Errata: **The Rev. Bernardo Martinez** has a new e-mail address: San Miguel Arcangel@peoplepc.com.

New address for **Don** (new head at St. Andrew's School) and **the Rev. Dru Ferguson** is 17 Kendall Road, Amarillo 79124, phone 806.355.8703, mtrdru@sbcglobal.net.

New address for **the Rev. John and Kristen Hartzler** (St. Nicholas', Midland) is 3900 NCR 1241, Midland 79707, phone 432.689.3545, jhartzler@saintnicholas.org

CALENDAR

JULY

29-8/1 Cursillo #64 - Mercy Retreat Center, Slaton

AUGUST

1 Loaves and Fishes Grant Deadline
4 *Standing Committee, HEC 10 AM
7 Cursillo Secretariat, St. Christopher's, 10 AM
Permian Basin Deanery, St. Barnabas', Odessa
12 Budget Committee, HEC 10 AM - 4 PM
14 *St. Stephen's, Lubbock, Men's Group, 7:30 AM
Eagle Cove Deanery, Good Shepherd,
San Angelo, 10 AM
21 BQCC Board, HEC
24 *Trustees, HEC, 10 AM
26 Budget Committee, HEC, 10 AM (if needed)
30 60 Days to Convention

SEPTEMBER

3 Commission on Ministry, HEC, 10 AM
6 HEC Office Closed, Labor Day
8 Nominating Committee, HEC
11 *Executive Council, St. Paul's, Lubbock, 10 AM
12 *St. Matthew's, Pampa, Visitation
14 45 days to Convention
18 Fresh Start, HEC, 9 AM 4 PM
17-19 ECW Conference, BQCC
19 *St. Michael's, Shamrock, Visitation
19-29 *House of Bishops, Spokane
29 Thirty days to Convention
30-10/1 *Province VII Convocation, Norman, OK

OCTOBER

1-2 *Province VII Convocation, Norman, OK
2 Permian Basin Deanery, St. Mary's, Big Spring
3 *St. James', Dalhart, Visitation
4-7 *Clergy Conference
10 *St. James', Monahans, Visitation
17 *St. Mark's, Abilene, Visitation
18 *Trustees, HEC, 10 AM
29 *Standing Committee, Midland, 3 PM
29-31 *Annual Diocesan Convention, Midland

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