Dear Colleagues,

We are just 11 days away from our Clergy Conference “Living Under Lockdown” with speaker the Rt. Rev. Ric Thorpe. This annual event held at Canterbury Retreat Center in Oviedo will be a different sort of gathering, with a small number of people staying overnight, many commuters and quite a few folks participating virtually. This edition of Canon News will have the guts of what you need to know for the event. There is a Q and A section on page 3 that will answer many questions. All clergy are asked to read Ephesians, Philippians and Colossians in preparation for our time together! Unfortunately, due to space limitations and social distancing the in-person event is limited to parochial priests in the Diocese. For your planning purposes a complete schedule is posted on page 2-3.

A NOT SO SUBTLE REMINDER!

Priests in good standing in the Diocese are required to attend clergy conference in-person or online. If you are not/or cannot attend you must communicate with Bishop Brewer in advance. Deacons may join the virtual conference via the red HOPIN link on the next page. Just in case you may be wondering, our software will keep track of those who sign on...those who don’t…and those who watch only a few minutes!

Faithfully,

Recent studies have shown that the Covid-19 virus is more highly contagious than previously thought and there are reported cases of transmission of the disease way beyond the traditional 6-foot social distancing. The dispersion of aerosol droplets from a cough, sneeze, singing, and remaining in poorly ventilated spaces for lengthy periods has revealed an alarming rate of transmission alongside a huge and verifiable decline in the number of persons that are being tested.

Since most of our counties in Central Florida are still showing a statistical decline in the number of cases, the numbers of those affected or dead from exposure to the virus is still alarming. To that end there is no need to jump back to an earlier set of Covid-19 guidelines. There is however one significant change that will be affecting all clergy.

Beginning this Sunday, October 11th, if you are the celebrant at the Eucharist or serving at the table near the celebrant, you are to be masked at all times, including when you are preaching and when celebrating the Eucharist. I am well aware that not all of you will be in favor of this change. This is for the maximum protection of all!
Monday, October 12, 11:30am STREAM TEST 2020 Clergy Conference

DON’T FORGET to log on Monday, October 12, 11:30am
for a 15-minute test of our technology platform and interface with Canterbury’s WIFI.

Here is your Link:
https://tinyurl.com/10-12StreamTest

This link is only for the test- You will have a different link for the actual clergy conference!

Step 1: log on to the website.
https://tinyurl.com/10-12StreamTest

Step 2: You will be asked to share your name and give some basic information.

Step 3: You will be asked to create a user name and personal password. There is no charge for this
process to create a user account

Step 4: Once registered you will be directed to sign up for a free “ticket.”
This ticket is required to enter the actual event- you will be sent an email to confirm!

Step 5: Once logged on, simply follow the prompts and you will be invited to enter the Event. If asked for a password to join the event, enter “streamtest.”


October 19  Monday (In person attendees only/there will be no virtual connections)

11:30 a.m.  PIGS Golf Tournament- Rick Burhans is setting up Golf tournament- lunch
11:30, 1st tee time is at 12:15, at Twin Rivers Golf Course in Oviedo, $26 + tax for lunch and golf-
interested persons contact Rick at 386-290-0624 or rector@egracepo.org-

3:00 p.m.  Registration begins for in-person priest attendees

5:30 p.m.  Hospitality & Fellowship

6:30 p.m.  Dinner

7:30 p.m.  Social Time

9:00 p.m.  Compline

October 20  Tuesday (In person and virtual)

7:30 a.m.  Morning Prayer

8:15 a.m.  Breakfast

9:00 a.m.  Welcomes

For in-person attendees at Canterbury
- Masks will be required
- Bring your own BCP and Bible
- Observe social distancing
- Please avoid large groups, especially in confined spaces
- Dining is permitted outdoors, weather permitting
- Bring a personal hand sanitizer
9:15 a.m.  Session I  with +Bishop Thorpe
10:15 a.m. Live Q&A with + Bishop Thorpe
10:30 a.m. Break
10:45 a.m. Diocesan Updates with Q&A
12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer
12:15 p.m. Lunch
1:30 p.m.  Session II  +Bishop Thorpe
2:30 p.m. Live Q&A with + Bishop Thorpe
2:45 p.m. Free Time
5:00 p.m. Eucharist/Renewal of Ordination Vows
6:15 p.m. Hospitality & Fellowship
7:00 p.m. Dinner
8:00 p.m. Social Time

October 23  Wednesday
7:30 a.m.  Morning Prayer
8:00 a.m. Breakfast
9:00 a.m.  Session III  with + Bishop Thorpe
10:00 a.m. Live Q&A with + Bishop Thorpe
10:15 a.m. Break
10:45 a.m. Diocesan Updates II with Q&A
12:00 p.m. Lunch and Departure

Q and A for clergy conference
Q. What should I wear for clergy conference?
A. Nice casual wear, jeans are fine, no collars!

Q. If I am commuting can I come for Morning Prayer and meals? Can commuters stay for dinner and social time?
A. YES

Q. Is there any cost for clergy conference?
A. NO, unless you play golf!

Q. What about the Golf Tournament?
A. Its an optional event by the Priests in Golf Society (PIGS). A travelling award is given to the winner for one year for bragging rights. There is charge for golf and lunch.

Q. How is this virtual interface going to work if I am a participating online?
A. Look at the schedule to the left. Everything that is highlighted in yellow will be accessible to those who are following virtually. Simply log in at the various times and you will automatically be connected.

Q. If I am viewing online will I be able to ask questions of the speaker?
A. There will be a separate phone number available so that you can text your questions. A moderator will relay several weighty questions.

OILS- OI, OC, OS
On Tuesday afternoon during the Eucharist Bishop Brewer will be blessing oils.

There will be containers of oil available for you to take away with you. Holy oils are always available at the diocesan office. Check your oil "stock" to determine if you need a freshened supply.
If you have not done a Blessing of the Animals Service yet, why not consider photos and a certificate for display to add to the festivities. There are several that are available online or you can create your own- Your pet owners will love it!

During Clergy conference there may be private time available to speak with Bishop Brewer, Canon Justin, Canon Scott or Archdeacon Kristi Alday. For those who are going to be onsite at Canterbury, see Canon Scott Holcombe to make an appointment with the Bishop, Archdeacon, or Canons.

HOLD THE DATE

Clergy Conference 2021 will be held at Canterbury Conference Center on October 18-20, 2021