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A Letter From Our Rector



Dear Friends,

Many of you may have heard distressing news about the future of Seabury-Western Theological Seminary. I serve as a member of the Board of Trustees at Seabury and want you to know of decisions that are being made in light of economic and enrollment projections that have forced the seminary to rethink its mission and operations. The Board of Trustees has authorized Dean Gary Hall to establish a planning committee for recommendations to be presented to the Board late in April. Some immediate decisions that were accepted by the Executive Committee of the Board include:

1. That Seabury will immediately suspend recruitment and admissions to all degree and certificate programs in this time of discernment.
2. That Seabury will enable all D.Min. students to complete their programs.
3. That Seabury will assist all current M.Div., MTS, MA, and certificate students to find alternative arrangements for the completion of their programs as may be required.

The long and the short of it is that Seabury-Western will not be closing its doors, but will no longer continue as a traditional three-year residential seminary primarily for the education and formation of future priests. An excellent summary of the issues facing Seabury and the Board and Dean's response was prepared by David Skidmore, Canon for Communications for the Diocese of Chicago, and can be referenced by going to the Diocesan website, <http://www.episichicago.org>, and looking in the NEWS section. Also, copies of Canon Skidmore's article have been placed in the cloister in the Church on the Hill.

One immediate question for us at Christ Church has been if Missy Harrison, our Director of Children's Ministries, and her husband Jim who is a first-year student at Seabury will be able to continue in residence at Seabury. Jim has been assured that that will be the case, therefore assuring us that Missy's ministry at Christ Church will continue. Steve Walker had just begun his field education responsibilities as a seminarian at Christ Church but has decided to withdraw from the seminary and its programs.

Please keep the seminary in your prayers.

Yours in Christ,

Ned Prevost

When Do Prices Ever Go Down?

The cost of the April 26 Progressive Dinner has been pared down to \$40 per person. It's not too late to RSVP. Details inside.

Go West, Youth Choir - California Reflections

Many members of our Youth Choir, together with parents and friends – a total of seventy-two people – traveled to California this past February. Our choristers sang for liturgies at St. Mark's, Berkeley and Grace Cathedral, San Francisco and did lots of fun sightseeing in the Bay area. The trip was a great success and a wonderful opportunity for everyone to get to know each other better. Following are some memories, written by those who participated:

Favorite memories of church and singing

From the youth choristers: "Grace Cathedral! It was so beautiful and we sang such pretty music. – seeing how tall and beautiful Grace Cathedral is – hearing our voices in the cathedral – seeing the inside of Grace Cathedral for the first time – hearing how people admired how involved we are in our church."

From the parents: "Hearing our choir sing at Grace Cathedral and St. Mark's, each with fabulous acoustics – witnessing the passion and commitment of our choristers – talking with members of both churches and hearing their wonderful comments about our choir – experiencing the incredible acoustics of Grace Cathedral and St. Mark's that made the singing come alive – experiencing the architectural beauty of both churches – Grace Cathedral is an incredible place: the architecture, the artwork, and the sound of the choir and the organ in that space are amazing! – The children truly sounded like angels! – I was so proud of my child and of our entire choir. It was a very emotional experience."



Annsley McKinney & Caroline Healy

Other favorite memories of the trip

From the youth choristers: "Riding on the cable cars – the great weather – visiting Alcatraz – eating in Chinatown – watching the Chinese New Year celebrations – the great shopping in Chinatown – hiking through Muir Woods – walking through the redwood forest – going across the Golden Gate bridge – seeing all the important landmarks – riding on the bus – singing on the bus – going to Fisherman's Wharf – watching Elmo deflate (Elmo was a balloon creature bought at Fisherman's Wharf) – being with everyone in our Youth Choir because I got to know them all better."

From the parents: "Singing 'Happy Birthday' to Caroline and Frederik, in who-knows-how-many-part harmony! (The cake was really good, too!) – visiting UC Berkeley with my daughter – walking the famous labyrinths of Grace Cathedral – I loved having the opportunity to connect with our Christ Church family. – I really enjoyed getting to know people better. – Our children are blessed to be part of such an outstanding environment. – The growth that takes place on these trips is palpable. – The respect the children have for adults and each other is unbelievable. – Traveling together is such a tremendous opportunity for our children. It adds to the experience they get from participating in such a fabulous choir. – The trip truly solidified my relationship with Christ Church."



Nick Anaclerio, Drew Parkinson, George Lamason & Mac Parkinson Navigate the City Like Pros

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Madison MacRitchie gets a lift from returning veteran, Charlie Healy

Christ Church April 2008

Regular Meetings & Events:
Families Anonymous: Weds., 7:30 pm
Soup Kitchen: 2nd Tues. (5:30 pm) and 4th Sat. (5 pm)
Meals-at-Home: every Tues., first and last Fridays
Boy Scout Troop 18: Tues. pm

All church services are at the Church on the Hill, 784 Sheridan Road, Winnetka, unless otherwise noted

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
6	7:45 am - HE 9 am - HE 10:15 - Church School & Parish Forum 11:15 am - HE	9 - 10 am Friends In Faith Guild Room 10 - 11 am Book Discussion (Lib) Rummage Sorting 12:30-3 pm	8 5:30 pm - Soup Kitchen Benevolence Mtg. 6:30-8 pm (Lib.)	9 9:30 am - HE (Chapel)	3 Rummage Sorting 9:15 - 11:30 Rector's Bible Study 9:30-11 am (Lib) Downtown Lunch 12-1 pm	4	5	
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20	Earth Sunday 7:45 am - HE 9 am - HE & Rite 13 Ceremony 10:15 - Church School & Reception (no Forum) 11:15 am - HE	21 9 - 10 am Friends In Faith Guild Room 10 - 11 am Book Discussion (Lib) Rummage Furniture Pick Ups & Sorting 12:30-3	22 Benevolence Mtg. 6:30-8 pm (Lib.)	23 9:30 am - HE (Chapel)	24 Rummage Sorting 9:15 - 11:30 Rector's Bible Study 9:30-11 am (Lib)	25	26	19 Rummage Sorting 9 am-12 noon Rite 13 Rehearsal Dinner 5-7 pm Church House
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April 08 - Lay Ministry Schedule

Date	Acolytes	Lectors & Intercossors	Chalice Bearers	Ushers	Vestry Ushers	Flower Guild	Altar Guild
Sunday April 6							
7:45 AM	M. Peregrine	M. Lien G. Packer			P. Corrigan	S. McCool	S. Green K. Gould S. Sprowl
9:00 AM	A. Stoddart K. Corrigan M. Wainwright C. Koepfgen John Neaylon	J. McGee K. Dougherty MJ LaViolette	A. Stoddart Chris Harris N. Challenger S. Stewart L. Whitesides S. Canfield		S. Hudson	S. McCool	C. Vanover Ann Ryan
11:15 AM	L. Sprowl	B. Prevost E. Barry			D. Knoer	S. McCool	
Sunday April 13							
7:45 AM	J. Henderson	H. Missner J. Carton			L. Lind	M. Munson N. Challenger	MJ LaViolette J. Harmon
9:00 AM	P. Martin Hickey P. Lind Alice Ryan C. Myefski	D. Peterson M. Millar R. Christopolous	P. Martin Caroline Healy B. Prevost M. Cody J. Challenger A. Clevenger		D. Knoer	M. Munson N. Challenger	A. Snyder M. Valentine B. Ervin
11:15 AM	L. Sprowl	J. Whitesides E. Covey			B. Anaclerio	M. Munson N. Challenger	
Sunday April 20							
7:45 AM	H. Missner	M. Peregrine P. Mohling			S. Sprowl	M. Powell B. Fox	S. Lump J. Harmon M. Lien
9:00 AM	L. McGuiggan S. Peregrine W. Rosenbloom M. Findlay S. Findlay	B. Tubekis J. McGee	L. McGuiggan A. McKinney J. Whitesides S. Walker K. Dougherty T. Gorman		G. Harmon	M. Powell B. Fox	P. Pendry A. Taft
11:15 AM	L. Sprowl	B. Brantley J. Richards			M. Cody	M. Powell B. Fox	
Sunday April 27							
7:45 AM	M. Peregrine	M. Pyle G. Packer			L. Gorman	M. Ward	J. Whitesides J. Carter M. Champagne
9:00 AM	W. Sido L. Peterson D. Walker C. Montgomery S. Peregrine	B. Peterson Caroline Healy N. Challenger	W. Sido N. Challenger J. Clevenger E. Gray D. Hambleton T. Kuhns		KD Foster	M. Ward	S. Green C. Vanover M. Hickey
11:15 AM	J. Henderson	C. Davis B. Spencer			L Kerpan	M. Ward	

If you are not able to meet your commitment, please switch with someone on the schedule. Please call the Parish Office (847-446-2850) to advise of the change.

Special Rite Of Passage to be Celebrated at Christ Church



During the 9 am service on Sunday, April 20 we will celebrate an important rite of passage with some of our 7th graders. This class is named Rite-13 after the special liturgy we will celebrate with them on this day. In some respects, this is a new way of saying to our young people things we have meant to convey all along- things like: "We stand with you as you make your way on the journey; we're here if you need us; we think you are terrific; we love you." We often assume that our teens feel appreciated and accepted as a vital part of our parish, but adolescence can be such a time of uncertainty that some things just can't be said often enough.

The Rite-13 Liturgy is a rite of passage that recognizes the gift that God bestows upon each one of us: the gift of manhood and womanhood. This is a free gift that we cannot earn and need not prove. This gift is the essence of who we are. The same energy that pushes us through adolescence gives us the power to change the world. As these young people grow and mature their knowledge and skills will increase, but the core of who they are remains the same.

Rite-13 is the liturgical cornerstone that lays the foundation for the entire congregation of Christ Church to rise up and in one mighty voice tell our young people, "You matter to us. Your lives are of inestimable value. The journey you are now embarking on is significant." It is a way that we fulfill our baptismal covenant of "seeking and serving Christ in all persons."

Christ Church's Book Of Wisdom

We would like to compile a Book of Wisdom from the people of Christ Church for our 13 year old teens. Please use the space below to give a small bit of advice (one sentence or less) to our young teenagers who will be celebrating an important rite of passage ("Rite-13") on Sunday, April 20th. Your advice can be something practical (like "Don't go to bed with gum in your mouth.") or something more profound (like "Be content to be who you really are.") Both are important to know!!

Please identify yourself by your first name and your age or stage in life. (For example, Bob-Age 41, Susan- mother of toddler, Charles - grandfather, etc...)

Please send your completed form to the parish office at 470 Maple St. You may also e-mail your submission to children@christchurchwinnetka.org. Your submissions must be received by April 13th to be included in The Book of Wisdom.

Rummage News

Treasures Department Rides Coattails of Winnetka Antique Show

Thanks to the presense of interim co-chairs, Susan Green and Heather Higgins, and their volunteers the Treasures Room was open during the March Winnetka Antique sale. They added \$10,643 to our bottom line. Bravo!

Book Department Spring Reading Sale A Great Success

Many thanks to department Chair, Judy Harmon, and her volunteers who opened the very organized Book Department (did you know that the novels and mysteries are alphabetized?) on March 16 for two hours so that folks could stock up on spring break reading. They sold \$262 worth of books!

Weekly Sorting Opportunities:

Mondays 12:30-3 pm
Thursdays 9:15-11:30 am

Stop by the West Building when your schedule allows. On the spot training! You'll be an expert in no time.

April Furniture Pick Up Date

We will be making local furniture pickups for Rummage on **April 21**. Please call the Rummage Office to get on the schedule. For a list of items that we are unable to accept (because they just don't sell) visit the church web site.

April Saturday Sorting

Come to our once-a-month Saturday Sorting opportunity. This month's date is **April 19**. Join us in the West Building from 9am to noon.

Our "New Blood" Coffee held on February 29 was a great success. The turn out and enthusiasm for Rummage was heart warming. If you were unable to attend, but are interested in joining us, please puruse the enclosed flyer to help you figure out where you would like to start. Contact Rummage Coordinator, Charlotte McGee at the parish office with any questions. 847-446-2850.

Lessons From An Eight Year Old

Morgan Fisher, a parishioner and member of our Primary Choir, offers us a shining example of philanthropy highlighting the fact that it's not always about the amount you give away as it is about how you give that's important. Morgan has donated \$25 to the Benevolence Fund, which is the "giving" arm of our Rummage efforts. The following letter accompanied the check.

Dear Benevolence Committee:

My Papa (grandfather, Davis Fisher) and I started a philanthropy project at Christmas. He gave me some money for giving to needy people. Then I organized a collection for people in my family to give money to me to help the needy children/adults. Three years ago I got a little box that has 4 slots for my allowance. Each week on Friday I get allowance equal to my age in years. Now I am eight years old. I put 15% into giving, 15% into investing, 15% into savings and the rest can be put into spending or anywhere else. I enjoy giving my money to help others and am now using some of my giving money to give to Episcopal Relief and Development and some to the Benevolence Fund at our church.

Sincerely,
Morgan E. Fisher

A Taize Novice Hooked For Life by Charlotte McGee

The cantor's strong, pure, rich voice breaks the silence and welcomes you to the service. The choir, seated behind the congregation, joins in offering close, haunting harmony. Their voices surround and hug you as you sit in your pew. The words repeat "Stay here and keep watch with me. The hour has come. Stay here and keep watch with me. Watch and pray." The lights are low. Votive candles flicker from all corners. Taize has begun and what an hour it is. The program notes state: "We have busy souls. This liturgy is primarily for the worship of God but is also meant to quiet the soul. This quietness does not happen all at once, but gradually during worship. Then we may be still and be at peace in the presence of God."

The cantor begins again. Psalm 103 is sung alternating high and low voices. The words express waiting for God, as followers have done for thousands of years. As I watch the black wick of my candle increase from a blue flame to a full, dancing yellow light soaking up oxygen and filling the darkness around me, I can feel God sitting next to me. The music repeats "Come Holy Spirit. Kindle the fire, the fire of your love."

We sit in silence together. Each with our own light. The harmony begins anew. As we repeat "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom" we bring our candles up to the altar and place them next to the image of Jesus on the altar. You just know in your bones that Jesus will, and does, remember you. The sense of peace is profound.

The hour long service, which felt more like twenty minutes, is behind me. The only question left in my mind as I drove home was "When is the next one?" I am hooked.

Alas, Richard tells me that the next one is not until the fall. You should make a mental note. Next time it is on our calendar. Just come.

Volunteers Needed For the Good News Soup Kitchen!

If you are unfamiliar with this wonderful outreach program sponsored by Christ Church, here are some of the highlights:

The Soup Kitchen is not too far away (just off Howard St. in Rogers Park) but serves a very needy community of homeless and poor men, women and children. Approximately 160 people are served each night.

Our scheduling is totally flexible and based on your availability. Some families go down every month - some only twice a year. If you don't like to cook, you can help with the buying or serving.

The financial outlay is only about \$20-\$30 for your fruit or cooking ingredients. Recipes are really easy! Assembling the casserole will take about an hour of your time.

If you are serving, you can plan on starting between 4:30 and 5 pm and finishing about 6:30.

Currently, over 70 Christ Church families are participating - and when we say families, we mean families! Children age 6 and up pass out fruit, dessert, and milk or, if they are really lucky, run the dishwasher! Children under six often help at home with food preparation. Adults usually get the privilege of serving the hot portion of the meal.

The camaraderie among volunteers is great and makes the experience even more worthwhile!

Our Church has committed to providing the entire dinner on the second Tuesday and the fourth Saturday of each month. We could really use your help!

If you have any questions, want to be put on the new schedule, or be listed as a substitute, please call Deb Emry (Murdoch) (847) 501-4648 or Tika Walsh (847) 251-6544.

Reaching Out

Do you have a secret woofer and tweeter expertise? Choirmaster and Organist, Richard Clemmitt, is looking for someone who could help out with some much needed repairs to the sound system at the Church On The Hill. Please contact Richard at 847-446-2850, ext. 22 if you could lend a hand. Don't be shy.

Downtown Lunch Group

Work downtown?
Please join other parishioners and Jim Steen, Rector of St. Paul and the Redeemer, Chicago, for lunch. We will reimburse our host.

Thursday, April 3
12 - 1 pm
Bank of America
231 S. LaSalle St.
2nd floor (up the escalator)

Please RSVP to Jeanne Stewart
(847-446-2850)
by Tuesday, April 1.



One For Grandma. One For Us.

Is there a graduate in your family this spring? In the June hard copy of the Parish Paper we highlight our high school & college graduates with individual photos and information on future plans. Please send your information to Charlotte McGee, Parish Paper editor at parishpaper@christchurchwinnetka.org or deliver it to the parish office. When you mail a graduation picture to Grandma, please save one for us. All photos will be returned to you. Grandma will probably keep hers.

Cathedral Counseling Center Annual Benefit

Parishioner, Ann Taft, invites you to attend the Cathedral Counseling Center's Annual Benefit on Thursday, April 24 from 5-10 pm. The location is the Victory Gardens Biograph Theater, 2433 North Lincoln Avenue in Chicago. Come enjoy a production of "Four Places" a humorous new play written by Joel Drake Johnson., a supper buffet, a raffle and a live auction! The Cathedral Counseling Center provides 15,000 hours of care annually on a sliding fee scale.

For more information visit www.cathedralcounseling.org or call James Janssen at 312-252-9500 x112.

Updating Our Mailing List

If you no longer wish to receive the Parish Paper, please take a moment to let us know BEFORE you toss it in the trash. We are working to make our mailing list lean and efficient. Many thanks.

April Forums

10:15 - 11 am - McClain Room

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| April 6 | Parishioners Julie & Bob Montgomery will speak about their work with Opportunity International, a micro financing agency. |
| April 13 | Heifer Ingathering Reception (No Forum) |
| April 20 | Rite 13 Celebration (No Forum) |
| April 27 | 5th and 6th grade classes will be teaching us about the Millennium Development Goals |

Join us for the 3rd annual Mexican Fiesta To Benefit the Christ Church Mission trip to SE Mexico!



Sunday, May 4

5:30-8 pm
Great Hall, Christ Church Parish House

Bring the entire family for dinner, piñatas, prizes!

Your participation will help support our companion Diocese of SE Mexico and the wonderful people of the area.

Please return by Wednesday, April 30, 2008

(Place in the alms basin or mail to the Church office.
Please make checks payable to "Christ Church", memo: Fiesta)

Name _____

Number attending _____

*Number of teens/adults (13 and over) _____ X \$15 ea. = _____

*Number of children (under 13) _____ X \$5 ea. = _____

Muchas Gracias!

The skies are clearing, and the ark is landing
... at Christ Church!

Join us for our Heifer Ark Bank
Ingathering and Celebration

Sunday, April 13th

Our Church School classes are making
Heifer animal banners, and they will lead us in a
Special Offering Procession during the 9 am service.

A Celebration of Giving
follows the 9 am service, including
special treats, photos with Noah,
and a petting zoo!

Want to give the Gift of Heifer?
Don't miss our Living Gift Market in the
McClain Room on April 13.

Anytime is a great time to give the gift of Heifer!

Buy a llama for your mama to say Happy Mother's Day
or honeybees for your honey's birthday
and don't forget teacher gifts!

Mark your calendars!

Last Chance - you MUST RSVP by April 6

A PROGRESSIVE DINNER PARTY

on **SATURDAY, APRIL 12**

The fun starts at 6 pm.

Please mail your check for **\$40 (this is a new, thinner price)**
per person to:
Christ Church, 470 Maple Street, Winnetka, IL 60093

The Green Corner

Great Local Opportunity to Get Greener

*Why not attend the **Chicago Green Festival**, May 17 & 18 at downtown Navy Pier? The hours are Sat. 10 am-8 pm and Sun. 11 am-6 pm.*

Celebrating what's working in our communities, green festival showcases more than 350 diverse local and national green businesses displaying and selling eco-friendly, fair trade and sustainable products. More than 150 visionary speakers appear for standing-room-only panel discussions, presentations and main stage speaking events.

There will be great how-to workshops, green films, a fair trade pavilion, yoga and movement classes, kids' zone, delicious organic beer, wine and cuisine, and live music.

Fess up. We all have them. Sneakers that are too yucky, even for Rummage. They too have a second life.

The Wilmette Village Hall, 1200 Wilmette Ave, is currently conducting a sneaker recycling program in conjunction with Nike Corporation. You may drop off your donation prior to May 1. The hours are M-F 7:30 am to 5 pm.

Paper or Plastic? Why not respond "neither"?

If you go to Resuablebags.com, you will find many options to the paper or plastic grocery bags that accumulate in your closet and our landfills. Buy a bunch and leave them in your car. It's easy to make the switch.

Walk to Church & Bring A Mug

The **Go Green Committee**
Invites You To Participate
In "Earth Sunday" On April 20

This is our home-grown version of the
official Earth Day which is celebrated on Tuesday, April 22.

You and your family may be a part
of this **Green Effort** by:

- 1) Walking, biking or carpooling to church. We have a very large bike rack outside the Church On The Hill. Let's fill it up!
- 2) Bringing your ceramic coffee mug to church thus eliminating your paper cup. We will also have mugs from Rummage which you may borrow.

Two small ways
we can all use to become more sustainable!