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The Passion of the Christ and the Confusion of the Ben

Don't tell the Senior Warden, but on a Monday early in March I encouraged the entire staff of the Cathedral offices to play hookey. We finished our regular Monday meetings, left a skeleton crew to man the ship, then snuck out to see Mel Gibson's *The Passion of the Christ*. Ever since then I've been pestering them with e-mails and website printouts posted on our bulletin board discussing and critiquing the movie. Now you, dear reader, are subject to my pestering as well.

My favorite source for *Passion* discussion has been www.beliefnet.com. Beliefnet is far and away the best interfaith religious discussion that I have found available in the media.

Whereas most religious commentators, magazines, and websites quote an expert or two to get their soundbite, beliefnet hosts a five-part (so far) *Scholarly Smack-Down* between a conservative bible scholar and a liberal bible scholar who write back and forth debating, discussing, and critiquing *The Passion*.

Those who like *The Passion* usually say they like it because it shows the amazing love of Jesus in the midst of unimaginable suffering. Those who don't like the movie usually say they don't like it because it is so graphically violent and could lead to anti-semitism.

The arguments and opinions are many and varied and more than I really want to get into in my own little contribution to the debate here. Instead, I'd like to say a bit about what *The Passion* uses for source material and another bit about how focusing on the passion of Jesus affects our thinking about God (a.k.a. theology).

The first quote I offer this month is from *The Dolorous Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ* from the *Meditations* of Anne Catherine Emmerich. Sister Anne Catherine was an Augustinian nun and mystic born in 1774 in Germany.

Just before she died in 1824 she experienced visions of Jesus' passion which were recorded and published in 1833. If you have some serious time to kill, you can read Anne Catherine Emmerich's *Meditations* and *Dolorous Passion* at http://www.emmerich1.com/DOLOROUS_PASSION_OF_OUR_LORD_JESUS_CHRIST.htm.

If you don't have the time to surf around the net looking for gory details, let me assure you that the only time

Mel Gibson's *Passion* varies from the account in *The Dolorous Passion* is when Gibson makes his version just a little bit more violent and graphic.

This is significant because those who may not be paying close attention can easily believe that Mel Gibson has created a movie that dramatizes the passion narrative in the Gospels. And he has,

of course; but there are very important things in *The Passion* that are not in the Gospels and, I think, for good reason.

For example, in *The Dolorous Passion* and Mel Gibson's *Passion*, Jesus is flipped over after being scourged so they can scourge his front as well as his back. Gibson takes it one step further by having the Roman torturers actually destroy Jesus' right eyeball with the final lash.

The Dolorous Passion and Mel Gibson's *Passion* both have Mary Magdalene and Mary the Mother of Jesus wiping up Jesus' blood – after he has been dragged off the whipping post – with cloths given to them by Pontius Pilate's wife.

The Dolorous Passion and Mel Gibson's *Passion* both have Veronica wiping Jesus' bloody face as he carries his cross to Golgotha.

The Dolorous Passion and Mel Gibson's *Passion* both have the Roman soldiers driving nails through Jesus' hands and all the way through the wood of the cross. Again, Gibson takes it a step further by having the soldier then flip the cross over on top of Jesus so they can pound the nail tips over. None of these things happen in the Gospel accounts.

The Roman Catholic Church does not endorse *The Dolorous Passion*, partly because of the scene where the Jewish crowds are screaming for Pilate to crucify Jesus.

Such depiction of a huge crowd of uniformly antagonistic Jews violates the 1965 Vatican II document *Nostra Aetate* on the relation of the Christian church to non-Christian religions, which repudiates and denounces anti-semitism.

In adapting *The Dolorous Passion*, Gibson manages to further violate every single one of the 1988 U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' *Criteria for the Evaluation and Dramatization of the Passion*.
(continued on page 8)

*The body of our Lord
was perfectly torn to shreds,
it was but one wound.*

The Dolorous Passion
of Our Lord Jesus Christ

*... and after flogging Jesus,
he handed him over ...*

Matthew 27:26b

Holy Week, a time for reflection and renewal

As the Lenten calendar comes to a close, Holy Week begins April 4 with the Sunday of Passion: Palm Sunday. The Sunday of Passion is the opening to the events of Holy Week, starting with one of the Crucifixion's lessons as well as the longtime tradition of the blessing of the palm leaves.

When Palm Sunday services are completed, the Labyrinth will be made available. It is a map to follow for a walking prayer meditation, and will be accessible from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. until Good Friday, when it is removed.

Holy Week Activities and Services

Sunday, April 4-Friday April 9

Labyrinth set up
in Founders' Hall
8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Palm Sunday, April 4

Holy Eucharist
8:00 a.m., 10:15 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
Choral Evensong
4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 7

Tenebrae
7:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 8

Maundy Thursday Services
12:05 p.m., 7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 9

Good Friday Services
12:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross
2:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 10

Holy Saturday Service
10:15 a.m.
Easter Vigil
8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 11

Holy Eucharist
8:00 a.m., 10:15 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
Easter Egg Hunt
11:45 p.m.

One of the newer additions to the Holy Week Calendar is the Tenebrae Service on Wednesday, April 7. Tenebrae commemorates the suffering and death of Jesus, and is symbolically marked with darkness, shadows, and the extinguishing of candles.

Maundy Thursday service falls on April 8. This service commemorates the establishing of the Eucharist by our Lord, complemented by the ceremonial washing of the feet. The service closes with stripping the Altar of its linens to prepare the nave for Good Friday and to represent the barrenness and simplicity of the Crucifixion.

Good Friday continues the Holy Week on April 9, 2004. Good Friday Service is an afternoon service, split into three parts. The liturgy is from noon to 1:00 p.m. From 1:00 to 2:00 p.m., the church is open for prayers and individual confession. The Stations of the Cross begin at 2:00 p.m. There is another Good Friday Liturgy at 7:00 p.m.

On Holy Saturday, April 10, there is a brief service of scripture and prayer at 10:15 a.m. in the rear of the Nave. This short service remembers the day of waiting between Jesus' death and resurrection.

Agape Supper

Everyone is invited to join in an Agape Supper following the Easter Vigil Saturday April 10. This is a joyous sharing of our offerings of foods and treats as has been a tradition here for many years.

In order to make it easier for Holy Hands Volunteers and Cathedral Staff at this late night event we must ask that we return to some procedures from which we have strayed:



1. Finger foods and treats only.
2. Bring food in serving containers – NO replating will be done in order to reduce cleanup.
3. Take your serving plates and leftovers with you as you go – this will eliminate our time-consuming cleanup.
4. This event uses disposable plates, cups, napkins, etc.

We have asked participants in Education for Ministry to assist in serving and clean up this evening, but we do need everyone's food offerings.

— by Joyce Morrow,
Holy Hands Coordinator

The culmination of the week's holy events transpires at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 10, 2004. The Vigil comes from the ancient practice of the Catechumens who prepared for Easter Sunday by baptism. The practice continues in our church today, for at the Easter Vigil there are many who are baptized, received or confirmed into the church.

The Easter Vigil brings to a close the Lenten joint efforts of our Cathedral and the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception; once the traditional Paschal light is lit in a ceremony, the two congregations go their separate ways.

Easter Sunday brings all the celebration and joy of our Risen Lord to the usual Sunday service times. After the 10:15 a.m. service, there will be an Easter Egg hunt on the lawn of the church for our youngest members of the congregation.

— by Rachel Chambers

Choral Evensong

The Trinity Mixed Choir will sing Choral Evensong at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 4. The choir will sing Choral Responses by William Byrd, Evening Canticles by Thomas Tomkins and "Hear my prayer" by Felix Mendelssohn.

The congregation will sing hymns appropriate to the day. The service will conclude in time for the 5:00 p.m. Order for Evening and Holy Eucharist.

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Easter Vigil, beyond the beauty

The Easter Vigil is a service with roots going back to the earliest times of the church. At one point, this was the traditional day of baptism. Candidates would have spent a lengthy period studying scripture, praying, and dedicating themselves to service – all to culminate on this night.

The ceremony included a stripping away of their old garments as if they were removing their old lives, immersing themselves in the holy water of baptism, and then taking on the robes and the lives of Christians reborn.

During Easter Vigil in the year 387, Augustine of Hippo and his son were baptized by Bishop Ambrose. Perhaps it is not wholly without personal involvement then that Augustine refers to the Easter Vigil in one of his sermons as the “mother of all holy vigils” (*Sermo 219*).

And indeed it is. This is the bridge that crosses over from the old covenant to the new covenant. It marks the end of Lent and the sacred celebration of Holy Week, and the beginning of the celebration of the resurrection of the Christ.

It begins in silent contemplation and closes with the glorious proclamation of the Paschal Alleluia. It is, in effect, our Passover – the Alpha and the Omega – the passing from death to life – and the wonderful gift of grace and redemption that is now ours to receive. No wonder this coincides with the season of spring. It is a story of life renewed. When else could it occur?

And so, during the previous 40 days of Lent ending with the Easter Vigil – we have prepared ourselves through prayer and meditation, fasting and sacrifice, and, perhaps most importantly, with rededication and commitment.

All of this is important, not for the sake of sacrifice itself, but in our preparation for a new life. As Archbishop Rowan Williams said in an early work, “The necessary first moment in the resurrection event is one of absence and loss. The empty tomb silences us.” (*Resurrection – Interpreting the Easter Gospel*, 1982)

The mystery of this night is astounding. Remember that tomorrow morning, the tomb is already empty. It is sometime during the night that Christ arises and we are all reborn into a new covenant with God. It is more a beginning than an ending.

Thus, Augustine of Hippo at an Easter Vigil almost exactly 25 years after his own baptism described the ongoing service: “And so with the aid of all these lamps shining during this

night, let us stave off the sleep of the body in this solemn vigil; but against that sleep of the heart, we ourselves ought to be lamps shining in this age of the world as night.”

Let us reflect the light of Christ, and be a lamp unto our world.
– by John Hornbeck



photo courtesy of Hal Smith

Walking the labyrinth: a ritual of transformation

As April begins, we are getting close to the end of Lent. The period between Ash Wednesday and Easter is a time to look inwardly and focus on our life with God.

One way many people get in touch with their spirituality is by walking the labyrinth. Cathedral members will have a chance to walk the labyrinth during Holy Week.

The labyrinth is an ancient pattern that has been found in many cultures around the world. The labyrinth pictured here is a replica of the one in the floor of the Chartres Cathedral in France that was laid into the stone floor 800 years ago.

You can find labyrinths large enough for several walkers at once and table-top labyrinths you can run your finger through. People have even been known to use toothpicks to follow labyrinths the size of the picture here. A labyrinth is not a maze, a path that has dead ends and other tricks. In fact, the labyrinth is meant to be easy to traverse. Labyrinths have only

one path to the center. You walk in by a winding path and exit the same way.

The point of walking the labyrinth is not to solve a puzzle or stimulate the intellect. Instead, the labyrinth can help you stop worrying about how to get to where you're going and free yourself for quiet reflection. It is a path of prayer.

Everyone uses the labyrinth differently, and there is no right or wrong way to walk it. According to Lauren Artress, the founder of the world-wide labyrinth development project called Veriditas, walking the labyrinth can be a ritual of transformation.

“Walking naturally quiets the mind,” she says. “The important thing is to find and honor your own natural pace. When you walk the labyrinth, you allow things to clear away.”

Many people walk the labyrinth quickly at first as an exercise in getting to the middle and then back out again.

After going through it several times, walk-

ers often discover that they begin to focus on prayer. Some walkers use the bends and U-turns in the labyrinth to symbolize similar points in their own lives. Others find that the cyclic paths foster an atmosphere of quiet reflection.

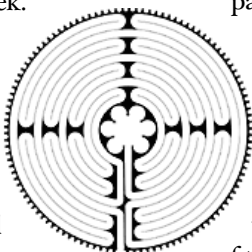
The best advice to people who are new to the labyrinth is simply to try it. Artress describes the experience as a sort of homecoming.

“People will walk into it and they feel like they have come home,” she says. “Other people get the sense that they're in a long, long line of people having walked the labyrinth. Labyrinths offer to us something that we desperately need now: a quiet mind, a sense of peace, a place to reflect.”

The Cathedral labyrinth will be available from Palm Sunday through Good Friday, April 4-9, in Founders' Hall.

– by Chris Morrison

Author's Note: Read Lauren Artress' complete comments about the labyrinth and more about the labyrinth at the website for Grace Cathedral in San Francisco: <http://www.gracecathedral.org/labyrinth/>



Adult Forum for April

April 4 and 11 • No Forum

April 18 • Elizabeth I and the Anglican Settlement • The Church of England that emerged in the second half of the sixteenth century was the product of an attempt to find common ground among Christians after decades of reformation, counter-reformation and civil strife. Learn how the Anglican Communion, inspired by the pragmatism of Queen Elizabeth I and the faith and wisdom of many clergy and laity, began an epic journey that continues to this day.

April 25 • Police Chaplaincy, The Rev. Bryan England • A law enforcement chaplain is a clergyperson with special interest and training for providing pastoral care in the high powered and dangerous world of law enforcement. This pastoral care is offered to all people, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, creed, or religion. It is offered without cost or the taint of proselytizing. The law enforcement chaplain is led in his or her own faith to be available and ready to serve those in need. The chaplain's ministry provides a source of strength to the law enforcement officers and their families, other department members, the community, and the incarcerated.

Memorials and Thanksgivings

Sunday, March 7, 2004 • The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Robert Nodler by Kay, Robert and Scout Elliott, George Nodler and Marjorie Collins; and in thanksgiving for the birthdays of Sophia Marrs, Sharon Emery and Deborah Marrs by Miriam Marrs. At the chapel altar in thanksgiving for Bob Ryder by Alan and Phyllis Ryder.

Sunday, March 14, 2004 • The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of his sister, Mary-Scott Kaiser, by Leo Crabbs, Jr.

Sunday, March 21, 2004 • The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Marie and John Allaman by the Larry L. McMullen Family. At the chapel altar in thanksgiving for the anniversary of Bob and Ann Ryder by Alan and Phyllis Ryder.

Sunday, March 28, 2004 • The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for her granddaughter, Magnolia Gibbens Miller, by Vivian Gibbens; and in loving and blessed memory of Lillian and John Cozzi by their granddaughter, Tricia Pellet Lyddon. At the chapel altar in thanksgiving for Lisa Ryder by Alan and Phyllis Ryder.

Voice from the Vestry

A monthly report on the actions of the Vestry

The following is a summary of the meeting held on February 26, 2004. In a previous meeting in January, Charles "Bud" McDowell was elected as Junior Warden and Doyle White as Treasurer, with Al Mauro continuing as Senior Warden.

In this February meeting, John Hornbeck was elected Clerk. In addition, two new youth members – Luke Flora and Alexandra Connors – participated in the February meeting for the first time as auxiliary members. Sharon Cheers and Richard Fanolio were also added as auxiliary members.

The February meeting featured a guest speaker from the Downtown Community Improvement District, Sean O'Byrne. He provided an overview of a "Compassion Zone" concept designed to

centralize services for the homeless. Following a brief period of questions and answers, it was suggested that the Social Action Committee explore this concept in more detail and report to the Vestry.

In the report from the Search Committee for a new Dean for the Cathedral, we were informed that the out-bound site visits had started, and will probably be completed prior to the time this report in *The Angelus* is published.

As reported by both the Dean Selection Committee and Bishop Howe, all indications are that the remaining slate of candidates is excellent.

In a report from the Governance Committee, we learned that the task of getting the by-laws in complete accord with church canon had been completed. This committee's current ongoing project involves improvement in lines of communication.

It is hoped that recommendations in this area will be formulated in time for the arrival of a new Dean.

In the Treasurer's Report, we were reminded that we are operating from a budget that begins with a deficit position. The pledges continue to come in at a rate lower than planned, which may create some financial challenges for the Cathedral if this



New Vestry Members (L to R): David Rice, Gary Hicks, Lucy Richards, Rodger Wright, Doyle White, Marnell Sparks, Al Mauro and John Hornbeck.

photo by Richard Fanolio

pattern does not change. Our congregation can help by pledging, those who are already pledging might consider increasing their pledges if at all possible.

Three motions were passed in relationship to Buildings and Grounds. First, approval was given for a new machine to assist with the cleaning of floors and tile (including the grout) at the Cathedral. Second, the Vestry reviewed and approved new policies related to the use of Founders' Hall and other Cathedral facilities for wedding receptions and other events, including some specific steps to help deter further damage such as that which led to the recent floor repairs at Founders' Hall. Third, expenses were approved for some necessary boiler repairs. In addition, the Vestry formally approved two new Discernment Committees. The next Vestry meeting will be held on March 25, 2004.

– by John Hornbeck, Clerk of the Vestry

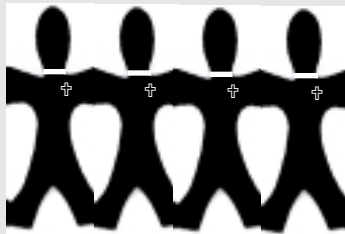
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From the Dean Selection Committee

"The Dean shall be nominated by the Bishop and shall be elected by the Cathedral Vestry," from Canon XXVII, Section VII, Canon of the Diocese of West Missouri.

Bishop Howe will nominate one of the four candidates that visited us in March.

The expectation is that the election by the vestry will take place by mid-April.



A Collect for Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral

Almighty God, giver of every good thing:

Look graciously on this congregation of Grace and Holy Trinity: so that as compassionate and grateful Christians, we may welcome a faithful leader – a Dean –, who will, with your blessing, care for us and help us continue our tradition of all-encompassing ministry and service, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Calling all Children

for an Easter Egg Hunt
Easter Sunday • April 11
11:45 a.m.

A different 'spring break' focused on parish-based outreach

More than 60 people joined together for a "spring break" on Tuesday, March 16, at Founders' Hall here at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral. "Spring Break 3:16" was presented by Episcopal Social Services as "A Day of Discovery and Encounter." The focus of the gathering was parish-based outreach ministry.

The primary speaker in the morning session was The Rev. Canon Carmen B. Guerrero, the National Officer for Jubilee Ministry in the Episcopal Church. Her message was one of energy and commitment.

For those who are not familiar with Jubilee Ministry, Rev. Guerrero describes its mission as making "a direct and dynamic link between our theology and our ethics – said another way – the *talk* of our faith and the *walk* of our faith."

In her keynote address, she highlighted the four major aspects of Jubilee Ministry: Advocacy, Empowerment, Practical Evangelism and Outreach Services.

Following the morning session, the conference participants enjoyed a lunch prepared by the Culinary Cornerstones Program of the Kansas City Community Kitchen. KCKK is one of the recognized Jubilee Ministries in the Western Missouri Diocese. The Rev. Linda Yeager is the Diocesan Jubilee Officer.

The afternoon featured an assortment of six breakout sessions on a wide range of subjects – "The Role of the Clergy," "Needs Assessment," "Resources Available from the Church," "Outreach to Hispanic Populations," "Onsite Ministries," and "Community-Based Ministries."

Each session provided a wealth of information – not only from the facilitator and presenters, but through sharing by the participants as well.

One of the recurring messages from Episcopal Social Services (also a Jubilee Ministry) was a desire to become a "partner in ministry" for outreach programs of all types.

Their goal is to provide an increasing range of support including identifying and assessing outreach opportunities, assisting with the infrastructure of such programs, and sustaining existing outreach ministries.

One of the significant benefits of this meet-

ing was the terrific opportunity for networking and sharing of ideas.

The attendees included representatives from both the Dioceses of Kansas and West Missouri. About half of the attendees were clergy, the other half lay leaders.

There were also representatives from various support organizations such as the Youth

Information Line, the Metropolitan Alliance for Adult Learning, and, of course, Episcopal Social Services.

The overall impact of the program was to bring together diverse individuals and resources with the opportunity to

strengthen each of our parish's ability to walk the talk – specifically, to "feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, care for the sick, and visit the imprisoned." (Matthew 25:35)

– by John Hornbeck



(L to R) Barry Howe, bishop of the Diocese of West Missouri; Carmen Guerrero, national officer for Jubilee Ministry; and John Kost, Chairman of the Episcopal Social Services board.

photo by Mary Byrne

Moms' Bible Study offers support, opportunity for study

Two sets of triplets, one set of twins and numerous other preschoolers make Friday mornings at the Cathedral a busy, happy time. The nursery bulges with babies as the moms gather to study scripture and share fellowship. The Moms' Bible Study Small Group meets every Friday morning in the Youth Room with, and yes, child care is provided.

Facilitated by Mattie Ransom, the group has been meeting for about four years. The participants have studied many books of the Bible. In addition, they have read and discussed books, such as *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis, *The Red Tent* by Anita Diamant and *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World* by Joanna Weaver.



Carolann Leo

Each session opens with worship prepared by one of the participants. The moms also enjoy light refreshments and share the joys and challenges of family life.

The participants also help with church activities. They sack the candy for both the Halloween Extravaganza and the Easter Egg Hunt.

Occasionally they plan an outing, such as a swim day in the summer with the children or a visit to a local site of spiritual interest.

A new challenge is facing the group as summer approaches. With school-age children coming on Fridays with their moms, more activities are needed for the older children, making Friday mornings a special church experience for both the adults and the children. Volunteers to help with these activities are welcome and needed.

"The number of children in the nursery on Friday mornings has grown through the years. We sometimes have as many as 20 little ones, keeping the nursery lively and sometimes noisy," said Joan Bock, nursery coordinator.

Mattie commented that "Once you connect with other moms in your position, you feel a real bond. We have to have our Fridays!"

The group welcomes anyone who would like to be a part of this fellowship of mothers. It meets from 9:30-11:00 a.m. in the Youth Room of Haden Hall (right next to the nursery!).



Brenda Colburn and Ann McRay

by The Rev. Linda Yeager, Deacon

Academy for Lay Education and Ministry Regional Gatherings

The Academy for Lay Education and Ministry has planned two regional gatherings. The first gathering will be May 8 in Clinton, Missouri, and theology will be the topic presented and discussed that day. On July 10, Liturgy and Anglican Spirituality will be the topic at St. Philip's Church in Joplin, Missouri.

These sessions are open to anyone desiring to deepen their knowledge and understanding of these topics. This would especially be of interest to, but not limited to, Church School teachers,

Eucharistic Ministers and Lay Readers, Lay Preachers and Lay Catechists - as well as priests and deacons.

These day-long classes fulfill the basic Scripture requirement for laity wishing to complete all the requirements of the West Missouri Academy in preparation for commissioning by Bishop Howe at next year's Gathering and Convention.

To register, contact Mother Susan McCann at MotherMcCann@prodigy.net or at Grace Church, 520 S. 291 Highway, Liberty, MO 64068.

Upcoming movie events

Reel People, the movie small group at the Cathedral, has two special films coming up in April and May.

On Wednesday, April 28, the group will gather for pizza at 6:30 p.m. in the Common Room. They will watch the film *Shall We Dance?*, a Japanese film from 1996. A Japanese businessman trapped in a meaningless job finds himself taking ballroom dancing lessons - and thus freeing himself from societal constraints. A wonderful movie that leaves the viewer in "happy tears." This film follows the last movie viewed by the group, *Strictly Ballroom*, another movie about dancing that presents another analysis of how dancing affects our lives.

On Wednesday, May 27, the BBC production of *Julius Caesar* will be watched by the group. This is preparation for a summer presentation of *Julius Caesar* at Shakespeare in the Park.

All are welcome to join the group for either of these films. Watch future issues of *The Angelus* for more upcoming movies.

- by The Rev. Linda Yeager

A Prayer

*The more one lets go,
The stronger the presence
of the Spirit becomes,
The ultimate mystery becomes
the ultimate presence.*

- by Cynthia Newman

New Arrivals

Richard James was born March 18. He is the son of Kate and Christian Morgan and grandson of Chris and Peggy Morgan.

Cathedral needs volunteers for 16th annual AIDS Walk

Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral will once again be organizing a Walk Team to join more than 4,500 people in the 16th annual AIDS Walk/Run 2004 Saturday, May 1 at Mill Creek Park on the Country Club Plaza.

Last year, AIDS Walk raised more than \$285,000, and all the money raised stays in Kansas City.

The primary recipients in 2004 will be the Good Samaritan project, SAVE, Heartland AIDS Resource Council (HARC), and the Kansas City Free Health Clinic. Each of these organizations provides outreach and support to hundreds of people in the metropolitan area every day.

In 2003, one of the primary Corporate Sponsors was Saint Luke's Hospitals of Kansas City. Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral once again had a walk team.

We need two types of volunteers for this social outreach project – individuals that would like to participate in the walk itself, and additional donors who will pledge money to sponsor Walk-team participants.

Please contact Team Captains Sandra Hornbeck or Dan Campbell to register and obtain more information. There will be



Last year's AIDS Walk raised more than \$285,000. All of this money stays in the Kansas City area. GHTC AIDS Walk organizers hope that many from the Cathedral will participate in this worthy cause.
photo by Mary Byrne

ample opportunities to sign up as a volunteer at coffee hours during the next month.

In addition to the Walk, last year for the first time a running event also took place. If anyone would like to organize a Run Team for the AIDS Walk 2004, please contact John Hornbeck with the Social Action Committee at 913-669-1174. If you would like to volunteer for the AIDS Walk/Run 2004, your

effort would be appreciated. The 5K run begins at 8:00 a.m. The 3.5-mile walk begins at 10:00 a.m.

It's good exercise, a fun walk (or a short run) on a Saturday morning. There is something for everyone, including an obstacle course just for the kids. Best of all, you are supporting a great cause and helping those in need.

-by Cynthia Newman

Trinity Institute's 35th National Conference to broadcast from GHTC

Back by popular demand, the Trinity Institute will be broadcasting the 35th National Conference, "Naming Evil: An Interfaith Dialogue" via the Internet Monday, May 3 and Tuesday, May 4. Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral will host the local portion of the event in the Common Room.

The two goals of this conference are: 1) To name the evils that afflict us today; and 2) to seek to understand their origin and withstand their power.

The keynote speaker will be Secretary General of the United Nations, Kofi Annan. His global experience has exposed him to the pervasiveness of evil and the precariousness of civilization.

Representatives of the Abrahamic Faiths will tell us how each of their traditions (Islam, Judaism and Christianity) explain the origins and persistence of evil in creations.

Professor Jon Levenson of Harvard Divinity School, will represent the Jewish tradition. Professor Hossein Nasr of George Washington University will present the Muslim view and Joan

Chittister, a Benedictine Sister, will give the Christian perspective.

Following each presentation, Michael Sandel of Harvard University will lead a group of interfaith participants in a Socratic dialogue. We will discuss how these traditional understandings can help us to withstand the forces of evil in our own local community life.

We will begin viewing the webcast on Monday at 8:15 a.m., during the Interfaith Worship service held at Trinity Church in New York, NY. A lunch will be provided for attendees for \$7 per person.

Reservations should be made by calling the Cathedral Office, 816-474-8260.

The day concludes at 4 p.m. and resumes at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, ending at 12:30 p.m.

Please visit the Trinity Institute's website at www.ectn.org for more details about the conference schedule.

-by Valerie Johnson,

The Cathedral's Financial Status

After a disappointing January, February's pledge and plate offerings were good. Expenses, while above budget for February, are in line for the year to date.

Thank you for your continued financial support of the Cathedral.

-by Doyle White, Treasurer

| FEBRUARY | BUDGETED YTD | ACTUAL YTD | VARIANCE |
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| INCOME | \$ 208,918 | \$ 211,246 | \$ 2,238 |
| EXPENSES | \$ 202,708 | \$ 199,279 | \$ 3,429 |
| VARIANCE | \$ 6,210 | \$ 11,967 | |