

EASTER,
a Message from the Regionary



The Resurrection of Our Lord is the second great Festival of the liturgical year, and the one presenting the clearest prefiguration of the destiny of mankind as proposed to us by St. Paul: “*until we reach the fullness of the stature of Christ*”. For centuries, meditations on the events of the life of Jesus of Nazareth have been proposed to the faithful as the perfect illustration of the stages of their transformation from their natural state to their glorious condition as children of God, sharing Christ’s heritage.

Thomas van Kempen’s, also known as *Thomas a Kempis* (1380-1471), gentle book, the *Imitation of Jesus-Christ*¹, filled with the spirit of the love of God, has for more than 500 years, brought understanding and comfort to millions of readers in over fifty languages. It has also provided them with a source of heart-felt personal prayer. These meditations on the life and teachings of Jesus, written in times even more troubled and dangerous than our own, have become second only to the Bible as a guide and a source for inspiration.

Our Church’s Liturgy has kept this proven method for our guidance. In the first half of every year, liturgy brings us step by step, from Bethlehem to Calvary, and at each Festival we have the opportunity to identify with one of the stages of human evolution towards perfection. The observance of the Services of the Holy Week are of particular importance in our understanding of the Work of Transformation by our mystical death and resurrection

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¹ The text of the *Imitation of Jesus-Christ* can be downloaded from the section *Mystical Writings*, in our web site.

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*AN EASTER MESSAGE,
by Tara.*

The Great Sacrificial Power of Christ is symbolized by the death and Resurrection of our Lord. This double Power directed by the transcendental Fire and growing during the purification period of Lent, awakens to burst into a joyous Easter, Hallujah.

Transcendence becomes Immanence. The new Fire brings blessing after the cold of winter: man feels vibrate within the premises of Renewal!

EASTER! CHRIST IS RISEN!

Man, that sublime fool, takes measure of the year. One can, if one does so desire, unite oneself with the Great Beings, to take part through one's own fire - in the elevation to the Subtler Worlds.

At carnival, one lets go of one's inhibitions and habits and "change one's clothes".

During the forty days of Lent one has purified the three bodies and one's Word, one is ready to penetrate into the Mystery of Transcendence, and take part in the Great Passion, which is expressed in the suffering of the Fire, descending from plane to plane into physical matter.

Through the purification of lent is given to us the vision of the Great Easter Mystery. The Star of Resurrection shines within us, in the transcendence of our sky, in the very special Blessing which is bestowed upon us., in the understanding of and the communion with the Easter Mystery.

In our sacrificial Communion which has been growing during lent, in our yearly sacrifice of Fire, we ascend towards the All which purifies, and delivers us from suffering and death.

And our individual Fire, joined with the other fires, rises from the Deep, bringing light and dispelling all earth's darkness and obscurity.

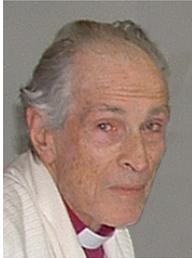
Joyous Easter to all of you
May we share with all, the eggs of good will.

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NEWS FROM OUR CHURCH. HERE, THERE, EVERYWHERE....

Our Presiding Bishop



The Rt. Rev. Tom Degenaaars is slowly regaining his strength and has resumed his work as our Presiding Bishop. In spite of the discomfort of his illness he has kept his sense of humor.

Members in the Netherlands visit him on a regular base and help him with his administrative duties.

The Province of Belgium

After several years of inactivity due to the absence of a priest, the Congregation of Our Lady in Antwerp has the hope to reopen a Chapel. The Rev. Ronald Engelse has offered to provide his assistance. The Rev. Engelse is currently the priest-in-charge of the Church of St. Francis Rotterdam (the Netherlands) . He and his wife Ietske travel once a month to Antwerp for the Theosophical Society.

Although his offer is promising, there is still much work to do to expect the celebration of regular services. The most difficult part of the project is to find suitable premises.

The Province of Canada

The Province of Denmark, Norway, Iceland.

At the request of Bp. Tom Degenaaars, our Presiding Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Kai Jørgensen has come out of retirement and has accepted the responsibility of Regionary Bishop for the Province of Denmark, Norway and Iceland. We welcome our sisters and brothers from the Congregation of St. Gabriel in Århus, who have recently elected to join our movement

The Province of the Netherlands



Natashja Hoyer from Denmark received Minor Orders up to Acolyte by the hand of the Rt. Rev. Frank den Outer, Regional Bishop of the Netherlands on March 6, 2005 in the beautiful Chapel of Our Lady and All her Angels in Arnhem, the Netherlands. Natashja will serve in the Parish of Copenhagen.

The preparations for the double Episcopal Consecration of the Revs. Peter Baaij and Evert Sundien scheduled for May 16, 2005 in the Church of Saint Gabriel in Amsterdam, the Netherlands are nearly complete.



In the United States of America



The consecration of the Rev. Michael J. Warnon as Auxiliary Bishop for Canada and the northeast of the United States is scheduled to take place on Saturday July 23, 2005 at 10:00 a.m., in the United Church of Christ, in Middletown, New York, USA. At this point of time, five bishops will attend this important event. An informal reception will be held in the hall of the church after the ceremony.

Church of Saint Francis, Minneapolis, MN.

Sunday Eucharist services and Our Lady's Rosary of the Seven Rays on the first Saturday of each month were held. Our quarterly vegetarian potluck on February 27 also coincided with Rev. Curney's birthday and was a doubly-themed get-together. We lost two members unexpectedly--Rev. Richard Curney's brother, Jerome Curney, died on January 19, and this was followed only five days later by the death of Edward Cody, a long-time member of the church. A requiem Eucharist was held for Jerome on Sunday, January 30, and we accordingly postponed our annual meeting to the

following week, February 6. A memorial for Ed will be held later in the year.

At the annual meeting we finalized re-establishing our advertising program, and we have arranged for three ads this coming year in the *Minnesota Women's Press*. The text of these ads welcomes everyone, gives our address, phone number, website, time of Sunday service, and lists these four points:

- o Freedom of Conscience and Belief
- o Est. 1916--Seven Christian Sacraments
- o Holy Orders for Women since 2004
- o Sermons on a wide range of spiritual thought

Other advertising venues are planned for later in the year as well.

Mission of the Holy Sophia, Stockholm, WI.

The Rev. Wallace Zick reports:

Work on the church of St Sophia progresses well. Basement sheetrock is almost done. I have the bases for the six ray candles turned on the lathe out of red elm and have carved appropriate symbols into them. I will paint them next week.

I will begin classes in April and run them each Thursday evening at 7 pm. I have had so much to do lately that I just have not had the time (or energy) to do it now.

Pat's mother died Sunday so she went to Rhode Island (Providence) to be with her brothers and sisters and son for the funeral. Her mother had not been well since a stroke 30 years ago and she has been bed ridden for the last year.

Church of Our Lady, Mother of the World, Rock Tavern, NY.

All the services of the Holy Week have been celebrated in our Chapel. Of particular importance was the consecration of the Holy Oils destined to the ministry of our Congregations in Belgium, Canada, United Kingdom and United States of America.

Buck Lawrence, who has served at the altar for many years, has accepted to receive the sub-diaconate, as a preparation for the Major Orders. Buck became a members of the LCC in the Parish of St. John of the Cross in New Orleans. He was admitted by the Rt. Rev. Dr. Robert S. McGinnis, Jr. When he moved to the northeast with his family, he became an active member of our congregation and has regularly and faithfully served at the altar. His ordination is scheduled for April 10, 2005, the second Sunday after Easter.

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ALBANUS Press.

The new edition of the General Constitution and Code of Canons of the Liberal Catholic Church, reflecting the decisions of the Meeting of the 2004 General Episcopal Synod is now available. Orders can be placed at: <http://kingsgarden.org/ALBANUS>

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The Liberal Catholic Church in cyberspace.

The domain names providing access to our international LCC web sites have been standardized. Each of them is giving immediate access to the pages in their respective languages. They are:

<http://TheLiberalCatholicChurch.org/> (English);

<http://DeVrij-KatholiekeKerk.org/> (Dutch);

<http://EgliseCatholiqueLiberale> (French);

<http://DenFrieuniversellekirke.org/> (Danish);

<http://LiberalaKatolskaKyrkan.org/> (Swedish).

The Digital Library on our web site: *TheLiberalCatholicChurch.org* has been considerably expanded this Winter, as snow and ice kept me at my keyboard. The entire Nag Hammadi and Qumran in English translation are available, and many writings of the Early Fathers of the Church as well. All this material can be accessed by selecting the new option SACRED WRITINGS on the main menu. The Liberal Catholic literature remains accessible through the option LIB. CATH. AUTHORS. Another new option: COMING EVENTS is also available, providing detailed information about events in our Church, regardless of jurisdiction.

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