



THE LIBERAL CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE USA

NEWS  
SUMMER 2008

### *A WORD FROM THE REGIONARY*

*Genetically men and women are 99.7% identical.  
So, why are we wasting so much time arguing over 0.3% differences?*  
Genetics Dept. Harvard University.

There is still a long way to go before we accept equal rights for all members of the human species. In more than 3/4 of the world, the condition of females is subordinated to the male population on the single factor of gender. There are very few nations or cultures that accept women as true equals to men, and offer truly similar living conditions to both genders.

In the Liberal Catholic Church, the equality of all humans as children of God is proclaimed in its Act of Faith. The expression of the idea of a church without prejudices of race, color, gender, social, or political affiliation is probably derived from the Theosophical Society, of which our Founders were active members. But it is also the teaching of the Gospels. If we read the words of the Lord, we realize that Jesus was essentially a strong defender of women in His time.

The desire in our Church for a society free of such prejudices is based on our acceptance, at least hypothetically, of the concept of Reincarnation as stated in our Summary of the Doctrine. Indeed, if we accept this idea, it is likely that in previous lives we were born in other races than the one our current body is part of, thus we must have been Asian, black, red, white; female and male; rich, poor, and a variety of positions in between.

Why then do people accept the prejudices that are associated with the doctrine of Salvation in one single physical existence, in which only elected people will return to God, while all others are doomed for eternity?

Unfortunately, in daily life, these lofty ideas remain just that - ideas - that are rarely incorporated into our deeds and culture. Even in our Church, and in our movement, which was created with the ideal of improving the equality of women and man in all aspects of religious life, there is still so much to improve.

One improvement would be the elimination of prejudice against children. The large majority of Western societies consider children as possessions, as some kind of lesser creatures who need to be attended to -- which is good and a loving thing to do --

but who are also rushed into adult patterns -- which is not so good. Very few of us look further than the material envelope of a baby or a child to see the divine spark of life in their spirit and soul, and the wisdom accumulated from many lives as well. Such wisdom has probably reached a higher stage than our own. When we consider this aspect of life, parenthood becomes the privilege of participating in the Divine Plan for our planet, something worth devoting an entire incarnation to accomplishing. No wonder the institution of Matrimony has been raised to the dignity of a Sacrament. Is it not one good way to become as children again and have a chance to enter the Kingdom of God?

*Your children are not your children.  
They are the sons and daughters of Life's longing for itself.  
They come through you but not from you,  
And though they are with you, yet they belong not to you.  
You may give them your love but not your thoughts.  
For they have their own thoughts.  
You may house their bodies but not their souls,  
For their souls dwell in the house of tomorrow, which you cannot  
visit, not even in your dreams.  
You may strive to be like them, but seek not to make them like you.  
For life goes not backward nor carries with yesterday.  
You are the bows from which your children as living arrows are sent  
forth.  
The archer sees the mark upon the path of the infinite, and He bends  
you with His might that His arrows may go swift and far.  
Let your bending in the archer's hand be for gladness;  
For even as he loves the arrow that flies, so He loves also the bow  
that is stable.*

Kahlil Gibran, *The Prophet*  
About Children



## **AN INVOCATION**

***By the late Rev. Albert Sassi, Switzerland***

O Lord, how marvelous is Thy creation,  
How beautiful is Thy handiwork  
How splendid is the seed of Love  
Thou hast put in the heart of every thing  
May these, Thy splendors, open so my heart  
That day by day, and more and more  
I serve Thee in all my brethren.

## ***WATCHMAN, WHAT OF THE NIGHT***

*An Esoteric Vision of the Future*

*By the Rt. Rev. Allan Barns, British Isles.*

The Watchman's rounds were finished. All was quiet. The faithful Guardians, cloaked figures, crouched close to the embers of the dying fire, for the night of earth was cold, bitterly cold, and the coming dawn of the New Age, still a forgotten memory. The ancient stone walls of the Eastern Gate hardly showed against the night sky.

Suddenly, the fire gave a final blaze, stirring the sleepers. In their midst, out of the smoke and flame, stood the two Great Ones, the Archangel Messengers of the Lord: Michael with his two-edged sword of Karma — Justice and Equity, the terrible engine of the freewill of God flashing forth. On his left, his brother, the fallen Archangel of God's anguish, Lucifer, the Light Bearer who brings the Divine Darkness in his train; his blazing light concealed under the heavy black cloak of the world's blindness.

The power and authority of their voices echoed and re-echoed off the crumbling ramparts of the dying past of man's outer court.

'Awake! Summon the Trumpeters. Muster the Men at Arms. Let the Pennants of the King be once again unfurled on the battlements of time. Assemble the Builders of old at the City Gates. A New Dawn is at hand.'

From a fold of Lucifer's world-weary cloak a shaft of light beamed forth catching the tip of Michael's blade.

'The whole sleeping City must awake, for the dew of the morning shines on the feet of the people. The Lord is with you. He will lead you as Man, as Christ. He will lead you onward after the long journey in the wilderness, onward through the Gates of Time into your true inheritance.'

Michael's sword flicked out the last embers of the old fire of the past, in a gesture of disdain. The burning laser-ray of the Light Bearer spoke again of the awful power of the Lord. The work of His Church was not yet complete, the old ways must be burnt away, broken, that the Serpent's Secret Wisdom, of which the Archangels are the Guardian, can now in part be unveiled.

'Humanity is coming of age and the City must be rebuilt anew. Rubble must return to rubble. Dust to dust, that the foundations of the promised future of mankind may be firmly set.'

They were gone. Darkness again spread its silent velvet over the scene. Only a

single star kept wakeful watch as restless dreams disturbed the sleepers.

Alone, the Watchman trimmed his lantern, preparing for the approaching day, for he must soon be out on his rounds. He, the forerunner of the New Dawn. Would the citizens of our ancient world heed the age-old message that his lantern conveyed? 'All shall be well, and all shall be well. All manner of things shall be well.'

The future of a fresh dawn once again touches with glory the Pennants of the King. His Tabernacle is even now pitched at the Gate. Awake. Awake. Prepare to welcome him.

Still the city slept.

### ***ABOUT THE INVISIBLE WORK IN THE CHURCH (Part 3 and end)***

***By the Rt. Rev. Adriaan Vreede***

Let us now consider together how a diocese can operate in this context. When someone raises his heart to the Lord, by prayer or by meditation, his consciousness resides in the higher worlds. If he asks for a personal advantage, as unfortunately many people do, a small star begins to burn in the world of desire. If, in fear, he asks for assistance, the little star shines more brightly; if he asks something for someone else the color shall be less red or brown, and take a more altruistic "color." When such person is more developed mentally, these lights occur in the world of thought. Every prayer is taken into consideration and every altruistic thought is answered. The effect of such a prayer of aspiration remains, unless performed by a person with extraordinary spiritual development, within a small and personal circle.

What is the difference between this prayer, as we have described it, and the collective service? When the latter takes place in a congregation in a spirit of sacrifice and altruism, the operation of the Beings of Light and Fire is put to work. The assembly becomes Christ's mystical body and the mutual cooperation reaches much higher, more spiritual realms. Consequently the given answer is of a more intense and spiritual value. It is given to the entire humanity, not to a person. High energies, usually not reachable by individuals, may be distributed and the progress of the inhabitants of the city is advanced.

If we elevate this operation to a certain magnitude, we may have an idea of what a diocese can do for a country. We will take Paris' Eiffel Tower as an example. A church congregation is, in a mystical sense, comparable with a structure that reaches a great height. Let us think now of the four powerful legs of the Eiffel Tower. If we stand close to them, we feel so small when we look above, or at the foundations that support such a weight. If we look at each of the parishes in the Netherlands and at the spiritual good they spread around, we may see them as the supporting legs. We can begin to form an idea of the height the spiritual work of a diocese may

reach when all the congregations feel consciously to be part of a unity coming from above. We could say that as a priest may reach higher (and therefore more distributed blessings) by his ordination than a person who is only baptized and confirmed, a bishop may reach even higher than a priest, by his consecration. So is also the relation of an individual member of the Church, with the congregation and with the diocese.

When the cooperation between the people, with the angels and the constructors takes place, higher beings in the hierarchies of Light and Fire come foreword and with them celestial powers descend which would otherwise be unreachable.

We could say that a diocese never really comes together [in person]. Up to a certain point we could consider that our General Assembly functions in this sense. When a congregation comes together and the celebrant, with a number of members of the congregation, have a strong inner feeling of belonging to a diocese and when the bishop celebrates in his church, the “Eiffel-Tower” constructive energies operate and, every Sunday, the superstructure rises with its strong supporting legs which cover the entire country, and its high tower head, elevated very high to invoke the blessings in the spiritual world. When we imagine this, we have an idea of how a diocese may be a part of Christ’s work. When we say that every church is an instrument which may be used for the redemption, the development, the guidance, and the spiritualization of humanity, we can understand that when He can establish a construction which resides so far above, of which every church is a supporting leg for a celestial construction we can have an idea of the greater work the Lord can accomplish.

This process may also benefit every service of the church. Of course the preparation and construction may take years. In fact, the preparation has begun with the creation of the Diocese of the Netherlands, during the 1920s. Before any progress was possible, the members of the church needed to have the conviction and confidence (and training) in the collective congregational work. Now that it is somewhat completed, we may begin to work at the construction of the diocese. This spiritual work occurs in a certain sense, in parallel with the material organization of the diocese, wherein the Council of Parishes has its place. I cannot imagine that currently, such a diocese exists in any other state than an embryo, but in the spiritual world every small part of a big thing is present in its seed. If we have, during these 20 or 30 years, having been constantly busy with the construction of our congregations and having somewhat succeeded, we may understand that the energies of every parish have been increased through this diocesan structure, and that its area of operation has been extended. This work may have just begun, but as we have the mystical vision, a perspective is possible that will give inspiration which we otherwise may not have had and we thereby create the conditions for the work of the Lord which may not otherwise have taken place. We may help our country be blessed among the people.

May our meeting tonight contribute to a deeper and inspired understanding.

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

### *The Province of Belgium and Luxembourg*

The pro-cathedral Church of Our Lady of Peace has received a generous gift from the Dutch Province in the form of an altar and wooden pews. These very nice and comfortable pews are replacing our nearly 50-year-old chairs. The new furniture has transformed the look of the church and fits so well that it appears they have been made to measure. Our gratitude goes to all the members of the Church in the Netherlands, especially those who supported the idea to share with us.

During its last meeting, the Clerical Synod approved the new bylaws to be submitted to the government to upgrade the legal status of the Church in Belgium. Under the current laws, our Church cannot be recognized legally as a church; when presented as a national entity, we are only a not-for-profit organization with very limited rights and opportunities. But it is now possible to become a “foreign religion established in Belgium” under new arrangements made by the European Union. This status would allow our church to receive donations and inheritances, which is not allowed under its current status.

The Rev. Joan Warnon has asked to become a member of the Belgian Clerical Synod. We are happy that her request has been approved. She has been assigned to the Parish of Saint Alban, Namur.

### *The LCC in the British Isles.*

EASTER, 2008

Once again the Oratory of Our Lady of the Starlight hosted the Easter services with +Allan leading the worship. The darkness of Matter without the light of Christ was felt after the stripping of the altar during the evening of Maundy Thursday and the joy of resurrection as the light was brought back into the church on the evening of Holy Saturday.

Rev. Liz celebrated the Easter Eucharist for the first time with +Allan giving both pontifical blessings and a thought-provoking sermon, deemed beautiful by the congregation.

The festive Easter table was full of delicious food and much chocolate was exchanged in the Easter eggs everyone gave to each other!

On Holy Saturday +Allan was given a tour of a couple of remarkable churches in the area at Dymock; one where the war poets were based and which had a permanent display about them.

The other being a beautiful little church owned by English Heritage with medieval frescos. The churchyard was full of miniature daffodils in bloom which seemed just right for Easter.

### *The Province of Central Europe*

The 2008 Congress of the Province in Wolfenhausen resembled a mini-European Congress. The presence of Clergy from outside the Province contributed to an international atmosphere. It was an important event because of the number of ordinations that took place that weekend.



Ordination of the new deacon

The following visitors were present: The Rt. Rev. Evert Sundien from Sweden, our ordinary bishop who was very busy during these days; the Rt. Rev. Peter O. Baaij, from the Netherlands. A number of priests came also from Sweden, the Netherlands, Denmark, the British Isles and even from the United States of America. practically, the entire clergy of the Province was present.

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On May 23, 2008 Subdeacon Elfriede Hafner from Vienna was elevated to the diaconate. The Rev. Hafner has been attached to the Parish in Graz (Austria) as deacon-in-charge. This parish was without clergy for a number of years.

On May 24, 2008 the Rev. Bertil Tedehall from Wolfenhausen was ordained to the Priesthood. He has been appointed to the Wolfenhausen Parish and will assist the Rev. Valerian Kohlhoff, priest-in-charge.

On May 25, 2008 Robert Michael Schulz and Monika van Driel were ordained to the Order of Doorkeeper.

The Rev. Alois Schaffer, emeritus, celebrated his 40 years of priesthood in Vienna on June 2, 2008. The Rev. Schaffer has ended his active work in our Church for health reasons.



The new priest distributes the Holy Communion



Group photograph taken after the priest ordination

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**Dóri** was born on July 12, 2008 as the daughter of the Light of the family Hellinger, Province of Central Europe

. Mother and child are doing just fine. Congratulations may be sent at:

[handi@freemail.hu](mailto:handi@freemail.hu)

## *The LCC in the Democratic Republic of Congo aka Congo-Kinshasa*

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The Rev. Modeste Pumbulu of Kinshasa has been placed on the inactivity list for practicing simony (performing Healing Services for money). Many complaints were also made by members of the Parish of Christ the King about other serious occurrences of misconduct. The Rev. Pumbulu was associated earlier with the Roman Catholic Church wherefrom he had been dismissed for similar misconduct. When joining the LCC, the Rev. Pumbulu failed to report his previous problems.

**Parish of Kinshasa.** The Rev. Jean Pierre Kayembe conducted on September 8, the funerals of Mr. Tshitenge Lumbala, in the presence of a large congregation. In assistance were two Roman Catholic bishops, several Roman priests and nuns. Mr. Lumbala was a prominent member of the Roman Catholic Church for many years, before joining our movement. Two days later, the Rev. Kayembe celebrated a Requiem Mass for Mrs. Ntumba wa Tumba, who was a Cantor in the church.

## *The Province of Denmark*

At the beginning of 2008, the Province of Denmark consisted of three parishes in activity for many years:

**The church in Århus**, which is dedicated to Saint Gabriel, is being taken care of by Mogens Blickfeldt as priest-in-charge. Services are held regularly one Sunday a month including the healing service. To help Mogens in the chancel in Århus there are two servers,

**The church in Ålborg**, which is dedicated to Our Lady Mary, is being taken care of by Jan Kvistborg as priest-in-charge. Services are held regularly one weekend a month with Mass on Sundays and lecture/workshops and healing/benedictions on Saturdays. To help Jan in the chancel there are two servers available.

**The church in Copenhagen**, which is dedicated to the Holy Ghost, is being taken care of by Kenneth Christensen as priest-in-charge and with Uffe Børjesen and Jørgen Skov as auxiliary priests. To assist in the chancel there are four servers available. Services are held regularly on the first and third weekend every month, with Mass on Sundays and - from next season - lecture and healing and benediction on Saturdays.

During this year, considerable progress was made in the expansion of the activities of our Church, resulting in the foundation of three new congregations:

The **Church Center South-West Zealand** has found a new and permanent

residence. When inaugurated in August, it was dedicated to the Danish national Patron Saint: Saint Knud. The Rev. Uffe Børjesen was appointed as priest-in-charge. Uffe will take care of the activities of this new congregation.

**The Church Center North Zealand** has also found a place for its activities, and it is being prepared for regular services. The chapel will be dedicated to St. Mary Magdalene. As before, Deaconess Birgit Adelsteen Ljungdahl is taking care of the practical things and the calendar, and she will be conducting services where a priest is not available. Birgit has experience from the old Saint Alban chapel in Copenhagen in the '90s. She has been appointed as person-in-charge of the Center and is a candidate for Minor Orders.

**Church Center Støvring** is being taken care of by Asbjørn From Jørgensen as priest-in-charge. Services are held regularly on the first Sunday in the month, in the chapel dedicated to our Lady and all Angels. The Rev. Asbjørn is also in correspondence with a few interested people in Oslo, Norway, but it is too early to talk about the establishment of a church center there. During our clerical synod at Easter, it was decided to appoint Asbjørn as national librarian and national archivist of the Liberal Catholic Church in Denmark, as his knowledge and memory of the history of the church of our Province is beyond compare.

The Rev. Kenneth Christensen

### *The Province of the Netherlands*

The translation of the “Blue Book”, Ceremonies of the Liberal Catholic Rite, by the Rt. Rev. Cooper is near to completion. The text is currently under final review, and the graphics need to be inserted. The new issue is based of the 1864 edition, revised by the Rev. Pitkin, and will include the various corrections and modifications adopted by the various Episcopal Synods since that date.

This translation is the first to be published in Dutch. In the past, the Clergy used the version in English.

## **NEWS FROM THE PROVINCE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

### **PROVINCIAL NEWS.**

The Rt. Rev. Maurice Warnon and the Rev. Joan Warnon are in the process of establishing themselves in Belgium. They are currently in the USA since September 10, 2008, for 4 to 6 weeks. After that time, they will go back to live in Shanti, Natoye, Belgium, until the construction work in their new home at “Le Soleil Levant” will be completed.

### **DIOCESE OF THE NORTHEAST**

#### ***Church of Our Lady, Mother of the World, Rock Tavern, NY***

Some times ago, the members of our parish wrote a seventh pamphlet to complete the popular “Rainbow” Collection. The title is **The Children in the LCC**. This pamphlet was recently translated into German and published in *Die Kirche*, the Magazine of the Province of Central Europe. This pamphlet is available for downloading in English, from <http://TheLiberalCatholicChurch.org>

### **DIOCESE OF THE MIDWEST**

#### ***Our First Diocesan Clerical Synod Meeting***

by the new Ordinary, The Rt. Rev. James Zinzow

The Church of Saint Sophia in Stockholm, Wisconsin, hosted our first Midwest clerical synod meeting on Sunday, August 31st. Rev. James White, of the Excelsior Retreat Center, and I arrived the previous evening and were picked up at the Pepin Hotel by Rector Wallace Zick and his wife Pat Carlson.



Harbor View Cafe

They took us to The Harbor View Cafe for a most incredible vegetarian dinner. That was the best way imaginable to begin this weekend, with good food and good company. Here we are waiting for a table and looking out over the mighty Mississippi at sundown.

The rector of St. Francis, Rev. Richard Curney traveled from Minnesota with his family to meet us at the Church for a High Pontifical Celebration of the Holy Eucharist. The servers, Mary Ellen, Midge Bolt, and organist Diane Millner were understandably not familiar with the Pontifical Celebration, and yet everything went extremely well under the expert guidance of Rev. Curney, master of ceremonies. The dedication of everyone at Saint Sophia was openly in evidence. Many improvements had been made to the church since I had last visited, and the evidence of Rev. Wallace Zick's labors was everywhere in this sacred shrine to Saint Sophia.



St Sophia 2008.jpg



Diocesan Clerical Synod  
Rev. Curney, Mary Ellen West, Rev.  
White, Rt. Rev. Zinzow, Midge Bolt,  
Rev. Zick

The St Sophia family was in good attendance and I enjoyed meeting them all. They provided a delicious potluck luncheon, which gave us time to visit while we waited for members of the Clerical Synod to arrive from Minneapolis after their morning service at St. Francis.

Rev. Wallace Zick also is the Mayor of Stockholm Village and he excused himself briefly to officiate at a dedication in the village park in memory of a local couple who had been responsible for significant improvements there.

When the contingent arrived from Minneapolis, we convened the first General Clerical Synod meeting of the Midwest Diocese in the USA since I was given the honor of being their local Ordinary. It was nice to see almost 100% participation in this meeting, though Rev. Cabigting was missed.

The highlight of day was the news that we will soon be setting the date for ordination of a sub-deacon, Jodi Christenson, and a new priest, The Rev. Judie Cilcain. We also discussed the need for confirmations. Both events will take place at Saint Francis Liberal Catholic Church in Minneapolis.

Additional topics covered were annual reporting and record keeping which needs to be maintained. There were frank discussions of issues that were topics of concern and the experiences of the group added insights that were helpful for everyone.



Afternoon Sun in the Garden

We adjourned to the home of Rev. Wallace Zick and his wife Pat Carlson for afternoon tea on the sun porch overlooking their gardens: It was nice to be able to visit informally and stroll in the gardens before the last car had to leave for Minneapolis.

My crosier bearer this morning, Midge Bolt, is a well-known photographic artist and when she told me at lunch that a local art gallery had a

of her work in nearby Pepin, I said I would like to see it. After our friends from Minneapolis left for home, Pat Carlson drove us to the storybook village on Lake Pepin where Midge was waiting for us at the gallery. Her unique and stunning art, merging antique photographs with present day color photos of the same view, was hauntingly captivating. With her art, Midge takes us to where past and present meet. Please view her wonderful web site, which she shares with her brother Russ, also a gifted photographer: [www.boltimaging.com](http://www.boltimaging.com).

As if this wasn't enough for this very full day, Pat said she had another surprise for us, and drove to the music room of the local school where we came upon an incredible choir practicing for their next charity concert. This choir is led by Dave Zahn who sings and plays keyboard, trumpet, and guitar. The choir is also accompanied by another supporting guitar and various choir members with flute, chimes, and percussion instruments. The gospel rock music coming from this local group of singers was as professional a choir as I've ever had the privilege of enjoying. Pat, Rev. James White and I sat on folding chairs as they took our breath away with their enthusiastic and joyful song. There in the last row of singers was the mayor of Stockholm, our own Rector of Saint Sophia, Rev. Wallace himself! Wait, there is more... there was server Mary Ellen and her husband Chuck. We were able to meet Dave after the rehearsal and he explained

how this group's concerts support soup kitchens and local charities, and play to crowds as far away as Minneapolis.

Pat then drove us back to her home where, united again with her busy husband Wallace, she served up a variety of local organic roasted vegies and fed this tired and happy group of Liberal Catholic friends, filled with memories of a magical day on the shores of the mighty Mississippi.

+James

### *Church of Saint Francis, Minneapolis, MN*

During the spring, Rev. Lee Dun led an adult study class based on the booklet, "The Parting of the Ways," by Bishop Frank Pigott, which deals with the ideas behind the founding of the LCC. On Saturday, March 15, we had our annual gathering to fold palm crosses for Palm Sunday. On May 3, Father Curney was pleased to unite Lynn Marie Schwartzbauer and Charles Francis Baldwin in holy matrimony at Saint Francis.

On Sunday, May 25, at noon, we had a quarterly vegetarian potluck with Rt. Rev. James Zinzow, our new bishop, visiting and celebrating that day. On June 8, Father Curney was pleased to baptize Kellen Lindberg, and on July 6, to baptize Kenneth Purmort. On June 12, Deacon Judie Cilcain had total knee replacement surgery. She was soon back in the congregation and resumed serving on the altar in July.

On August 16, Father Curney was pleased to unite Tammy Jackuelyn Rose LaBathe and Dean Alan Olson in holy matrimony at the Eagan Community Center. Sunday, August 24, at noon, we had another quarterly vegetarian potluck. On August 24, Father Curney was pleased to baptize Evare Seneker, a baby girl, in an outdoor ceremony in Anoka.

David S. Cargo taught an afternoon bread baking class on three Saturdays in August as fundraisers for Saint Francis. A total of thirteen people attended.

On Sunday, August 31, there was a diocesan clergy meeting held at the Church of St. Sophia in Stockholm, Wisconsin. Most of the clergy of the Diocese of the Midwest were there. There was a High Celebration of the Eucharist, with a vegetarian potluck following, then social time for introductions and informal conversation. After the clergy from St. Francis arrived, there was a diocesan clergy meeting.

This summer, a painting crew made up of Roland Bijingsi, Jon Robelia, Noah Strom, Lee Dunn, and David Cargo worked on repair and painting of our church.

David S. Cargo.

## *The Church of the Holy Sophia, Stockholm WI*

Our membership seems to have stabilized at about 30 persons, with Sunday attendance ranging from about 10 - 20 persons. Our schedule is still to have a Eucharist on the 1st and 3rd Sundays, and on the 2nd and 4th Sundays the service of Prime. After Prime we have a discussion group that currently is reading "The New Earth" by Eckhart Tolle.

We enjoyed having our new Regionary Bishop, the Rt. Rev. James Zinzow, visit the last weekend of August and celebrate a High Mass with us and with our visiting clergy. Following the service there was a potluck lunch with the congregation and in the afternoon the first General Clerical Synod of the Midwest Diocese in the USA. Bishop Zinzow describes that meeting elsewhere in this newsletter.

Work on the Church itself continues with the planting of more trees, the construction of a gravel drive all around the building, and expanded parking. Grading will also be done to improve the drainage. Inside, additional insulation is being added, and some electrical work is being finished along with other minor improvements. Our ceiling beam project, to remove the eight vertical posts in the basement, is still being considered. The cost is still the major hurdle. Thursday evenings an Eckhart Tolle study group meets in the church to watch DVDs of his lectures, which he has given around the world.

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**Personification of wisdom at the Celsus Library in Ephesus, Turkey.**

**Sophia** (Σοφία Greek for “wisdom”) is a central term in Hellenistic philosophy and religion, Platonism, Gnosticism, Orthodox Christianity, Esoteric Christianity, as well as Christian mysticism. Sophiology is a philosophical concept regarding wisdom, as well as a theological concept regarding the wisdom of God.

She is one of the four cardinal virtues of Plato's Pythagoras. In Judaism, she carries the name of *Chokmah* and appears alongside of *Shekhinah*, the Glory of God, and plays a key role in the cosmology of the Kabbalists as an expression of the feminine aspect of God.

*But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world, unto our glory*

(1 Cor 2:7)

## ***THE LIBERAL CATHOLIC CHURCH IN CYBER SPACE...***

The provider kingsgarden.org, which is the main hosting provider of the Liberal Catholic websites has moved its operation from the United States to Belgium. This transatlantic move didn't happen without problems related mostly to technology. After a short period of silence, the LCC web site has reincarnated into a reliable and much faster server, making the access to the pages more pleasant.

One of the issues in the past was the proximity of the server to the city of Manhattan. At the beginning and the end of each trading day on Wall Street, hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of people would go on line simultaneously, "stealing" the bandwidth of the internet system of the region. The speed of the link to kingsgarden.org, during these peak hours would sometimes drop more than 90%. The new location is close to Brussels, the capital of the European Union and also an important center of business, but the activity of the European bureaucracy is not on a strict schedule as the one of Wall Street, and thus suffers much less from peaks.

The pages concerning the Liberal Catholic Church have been indexed by Google and will now be visited on a regular basis for update in the Google directory. The first complete analysis of the site was made on September 3, 2008, and resulted in a larger advertising of the Liberal Catholic pages.

Because of the move, little was added to the current pages outside regular updates. The pages about the Province of Denmark, Norway, and Iceland and of central Europe have been completely reviewed. The magazine section has been supplied with an online index allowing readers to easily find formerly published articles.

The only important addition is a new item added to the main menu named DONATIONS, which allows those who want to financially support members of our Church in need. By clicking on this line, and following the instructions, donations can be made using Paypal, a free internet banking system. The donations are accumulated in a special account, and the money securely sent to destinations by Western Union.

The email server of kingsgarden.org has been under attack from spam and hackers. By mid-July 2008, the server was receiving several thousands messages an hour. The removal of spam and distribution of the mail would take so much capacity that the server couldn't perform its other duties with acceptable performance. On September 1, 2008, the email server of kingsgarden.org was closed permanently. The pages of the website using this system are replaced by pages which do not require the use of a mail server. Please do not use any email address containing @kingsgarden.org.

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