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PRESIDING BISHOP'S EPISTLE

Dearly beloved in the Lord,

Praised be Jesus Christ!

It is my delight and privilege to write this twelfth Presiding Bishop's Epistle as we rapidly move headlong into the solemnities of Holy Week and Easter 2026. It is hard to believe that the first quarter of the year is almost complete! This letter will present major events from December 2025 through July of this year. As one might expect, the past several months saw lots of activity reflecting how our Catholic Faith is alive and active in the Sacramental System, Ordinations, Confirmations, and pastoral visits abounding. We remain the busiest little Church in Christendom.

Presiding Bishop Walter H. Grundorf - Requiescat in pace

We begin this letter with grateful remembrance of the life and witness of the Most Reverend Walter Howard Grundorf, DD, our Presiding and Diocesan Bishop Emeritus, who entered eternal life on 15th February. Words simply fail to express what Bishop Grundorf, our Most Reverend Father in God, our Apostle, and the chief priest and pastor of this Province and Diocese for decades, means to all of us. We can only thank Our Lord and Saviour for the gift to us of Bishop Grundorf, and for all that he was to and for us, and for all that he has done for the Kingdom of God.

Of your Christian charity, pray for the blessed repose of the consecrated soul of Walter, Bishop in the Church of God, and for the comfort and peace of his wife Mary, his four wonderful sons and their families, and everyone affected by Bishop Grundorf's passing from this life. It is appropriate that Bishop Grundorf departed to our heavenly Father on Quinquagesima, wherein we recall the theological virtue of love given from the God of love, charity, the love of God for His own sake and the love of others for the sake of God. For Bishop Grundorf loved us all so very, very much, each and

every one, and in his life embodied that love which is at the heart of Our Lord and of our holy Faith. On 28th February, I celebrated the Requiem Mass for Bishop Grundorf at Saint Alban's Cathedral in Oviedo, Florida.

The Reverend Father Don Edlemann—Requiescat in pace

Of your Christian charity, pray for the blessed repose of the priestly soul of the Reverend Father Donald Edlemann, who entered eternal life on 7th January at a hospice care centre in Flemington, New Jersey. Father Don was a greatly loved and admired priest of our Diocese and Province. *Rest eternal grant unto him, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him.* May he rest in peace.

The Lenten Appeal for 2026 – Saint Luke's Church, Port Orange, Florida

Please don't forget our 2026 Lenten Appeal. For over thirty years, the Church of Saint Luke Port Orange has been a constant guarantor for Traditional Anglicanism in the Daytona Beach area of Florida. The number of members, however, has dwindled over the last decade, and so the moment has arrived in the life of Saint Luke's Church, with a committed priest from the Anglican Province of America, Father Daniel Squires, and a Vestry backed by a faithful, supportive congregation, wherein we seek to move forward.

The 2026 Lenten Appeal will, first and foremost, secure full-time priestly ministry. The Appeal will also allow for new dedicated ministry activities, for doing necessary work to revitalise worship, for new ways in which the Church can participate in community events, and for greater supervision of the building and property. We are prayerfully attempting to raise \$100,000. I ask please that each individual within our Province makes a sacrificial Lenten Offering of \$1.50 a day for the Forty Days of Lent, a total of \$60 per person, or more as Our Lord leads you. For more details regarding the Appeal and donations,

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please click on the 2026 Lenten Appeal banner link on our website home page.

Events from December to March

On 14th December, I undertook a trip to our newest mission Church, the Church of the Holy Communion, in Pensacola, Florida. Surrounded by images of literary giants adorning the walls, we celebrated Holy Mass in a local coffee shop – all to the glory of God. Holy Communion Pensacola has increased its attendance in the ensuing weeks as it meets more permanently in a Church building, and has had as many as 15 people attending Mass on Sundays. We have administered the first Confirmations at Holy Communion, and have been able to schedule a rotation of visiting priests for Sunday Masses. Please pray for the Church of the Holy Communion as we seek a full-time mission priest for the congregation. The parishes of the North and Central Florida Deanery have pledged a 1% contribution from each church's annual budget to fund a new priest. An extremely exciting and inspiring missionary endeavour!

Shortly thereafter, on 20th December, it was my privilege to ordain the Reverend Father John Scott Eddlemon to the Sacred Order of Priests at Saint Barnabas Cathedral in Atlanta, Georgia. Please pray for Father Scott and his family as Father Scott begins his priestly ministry as Vicar of Holy Apostles Church in Pewaukee, Wisconsin. The following day, 21st December, marked the twenty-ninth anniversary of my own ordination to the Sacred Order of Priests, spent most joyfully at the Altar as Archpriest for Father Scott as he celebrated his First Mass.

The liturgical celebrations of the glorious Nativity season were observed with profound solemnity at Saint Barnabas Cathedral Atlanta, including the celebration of Christmas Eve Mass on 24th December and the Mass of the Epiphany on 6th January.

My pastoral visitations resumed in the new year of grace and salvation with an episcopal visitation and Confirmations at Saint Patrick's Church in Brevard, North Carolina, on 11th January, followed the next day by a Vestry meeting at Saint John's Church in Greensboro, North Carolina. On 15th January, I participated in a meeting of the Nashotah House Theological Seminary Corporation via Zoom. On 17th January, I offered a Requiem Mass at Saint Thomas the Apostle Church in Alto, Georgia.

Later in the month, on 22nd January, I was elated to visit the famous Saint Dunstan's Academy in Roseland, Virginia, Nelson County. A unique experience ensued as we celebrated Holy Mass in the nineteenth-century barn now serving as the Chapel, a beautiful old joiner's workbench serving as the Altar. An enthusiastic congregation of over 20 people sang the Mass in a truly unique setting. The incense flowed very easily in the cool crisp air that morning. Following Mass, I had a full tour of the farm, covering much of the 180 acres by pickup truck. Then followed a tour of the new buildings and a lunch and board meeting held in the new dormitory house. A magnificent day.

The following day, Friday 23rd January, the Reverend Father Kyle Edward Williams was ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests at All Saints' Church in Charlottesville, Virginia, a day earlier than originally planned because of a massive snow and ice storm headed our direction! It was a splendiferous and altogether joyous Mass celebrated with a packed congregation in spite of the weather concerns. Please pray for Father Kyle and his family as they begin their new ministry – Father Kyle serves as Curate at All Saints' Church Charlottesville.

The Feast of Saint Charles I of England, King and Martyr, was commemorated with Mass at Saint Barnabas Cathedral Atlanta on 30th January. A high-spirited and most enjoyable dinner in honour of the Royal Martyr, sponsored by the Society of King Charles the Martyr, followed in Harvey Hall. On 2nd February, the Feast of the Purification of Our Lady was likewise celebrated at the Cathedral.

Continuing my episcopal visitations, I celebrated Mass and Confirmations at Saint Matthias Church in Dothan, Alabama on 8th February. It was absolutely astonishing to see 50 people in attendance at Sunday Mass and multiple Confirmations – a true blessing from God.

Spring Retreat

And, of course, from 9th to 12th February, the APA once again gathered for the annual Winter Clergy Retreat and Diocesan Committee meetings, this time at Christ the Redeemer Church in Warner Robins, Georgia. The theme for the meditations this year was *Thusia Eucharistikon: the Mystery of the Most Holy Eucharist*. During our time together, on the Feast of the Vision of Our Lady,

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Wednesday 11th February, the Reverend Mister Max William Beebe was ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons. Please pray for Deacon Max and his family as he begins his new ministry as Curate of Saint Mark's Church, Vero Beach, Florida. We offer our deepest thanks to Dean Matthew Harlow and the faithful of Christ the Redeemer for welcoming all of us with such love and hospitality.

The holy penitential season of Lent began with the celebration of Ash Wednesday Mass at Saint Barnabas Cathedral on 18th February. Shortly thereafter, redeeming the time and making up for the visits which had to be postponed earlier because of inclement weather, I revelled in a series of episcopal visitations and Confirmations in Virginia. First, on 20th February, Christ the King Church in Staunton, which is an assuredly amazing place. Christ the King owns a simply superb facility, an expanded storefront with a proper sanctuary, nave, and gathering space. My first official visitation was met with a full congregation and several Confirmations and receptions. Canon Glenn Spencer now serves as the Vicar of Staunton. We express our heartfelt gratitude to Father Glenn, Father David Reed, and the congregation of Christ the King for joining our instantiation of the Catholic Church in the APA. We are thrilled to welcome Staunton as one of our newest APA churches.

Another packed congregation participated in Mass and Confirmations at All Saints' Church in Charlottesville on 21st February, and a very large congregation assembled for the same at Saint Philip's Church in Blacksburg on 22nd February. From 23rd to 25th February, Saint Barnabas Cathedral hosted the eleventh meeting of the Anglican Joint Synods–Polish National Catholic Church Dialogue, held simultaneously both in person and on Zoom. On 15th March, I returned to Saint Matthew's Church in Weaverville, North Carolina for more Confirmations and the Sunday liturgy. A terrific North and Central Florida Deanery Clericus at Saint Paul's Church in Melbourne, Florida was held on 20th and 21st March; an episcopal visitation and Confirmations ensued at Saint Paul's Melbourne on 22nd March.

Impending Events

Upcoming events include Holy Week and Easter Day at Saint Barnabas Cathedral Atlanta from 29th March to 5th April; a trip for a family wedding in Texas from 9th to 14th

April; a wedding at Saint Barnabas Cathedral on 18th April; an episcopal visitation and Confirmations at Saint Luke's Church in Port Orange, Florida on 26th April; the Anglican Province of America pilgrimage to Greece and Turkey from 9th to 23rd May; and on 31st May, an episcopal visitation and Confirmations at Holy Trinity Church in Fernandina Beach, Florida. An episcopal visitation and Confirmations are planned on 7th June at All Saints Parish, Wilmington, North Carolina; a visit to our APA Saint Bede's Youth Camp in Pickens County, South Carolina on 8th and 9th June; a wedding on 13th June; on 21st June, an episcopal visitation and Confirmations at Saint Alban's Cathedral, Oviedo, Florida; then rounding out the month with an episcopal visitation and Confirmations at Saint George the Martyr Church, Simpsonville, South Carolina on 28th June.

APA, DEUS, and DCWS Joint Synods—July 20-24, 2026

The theme for this year's synod is '*Recapitulation in Christ: The Mission and Vocation of the Anglican Province of America in the 2020s.*' Our host for the Joint Synod is Saint Paul's Church in Crownsville, Maryland. The Synod schedule, registration and hotel information will soon be available through a link at the top of the APA website home page. **Vendor Booths:** Please contact Father Erich Zwingert on rectorallsaintsnc@gmail.com if you wish to have a booth at Synod. Booths are on a first-come, first-served basis, so please don't delay if you are interested.

Thank you!

It is and ever shall be the most tremendous gift and grace of my life to serve you – to provide pastoral care to and for you, to travel throughout our Province and Diocese, to visit and cheer as many of our churches and faithful as I can, and to bear testimony and encouragement to the life and advance of our Branch of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. Please continually pray for our clergy, people, and parishes. Let us keep on pressing on the Kingdom! Please remember you are always welcome to contact me personally at any time on 404.313.9448 or bishopchjones@anglicanprovince.org. Each of you abides in my love and prayers.

God bless you!

In Our Blessed Lord,

+ *Chad*

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APA Global Mission News

During April, Bishop Haines and Father Paul Rivard have planned an Episcopal Visit to the APA Missionary District of the Philippines. During this visit, two newly constructed churches (one in Banababan, Taytay Palawan and the other in Tarlac, Luzon) will be consecrated. These were built using funds raised during the 2022 Lenten Appeal. In addition, two men will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests, and several dozen people will be confirmed. Then in August, an Episcopal Visit is planned to the Indigenous Pastoral of the Anglican Province in Ecuador, Guamote, Chimborazo for community visits and confirmations.

Ad Clerum APA

Ordinations

DEUS: The Rev. John Scott Eddlemon was ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests on December 20, 2026, at Saint Barnabas Cathedral, Dunwoody, Georgia, by the Most Rev. Chandler Holder Jones, SSC. He will serve as Priest-in-charge at Holy Apostles Church, Pewaukee, Wisconsin (ACC).

DEUS: The Rev. Kyle Edward Williams was ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests on January 23, 2026, at All Saints' Church, Charlottesville, Virginia, by the Most Rev. Chandler Holder Jones, SSC. He will serve as Curate at All Saints' Church.

DEUS: The Rev. Mr. Max William Beebe was ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons on February 11, 2026, at Christ the Redeemer Church, Fort Valley, Georgia, by the Most Rev. Chandler Holder Jones, SSC. He will serve as Curate at Saint Mark's Church, Vero Beach, Florida.

Assignments:

DEUS: The Rev. Canon Glenn Spencer was appointed Vicar of Christ the King Church, Staunton, Virginia, effective February 1, 2026.

Resignation

DEUS: The Very Rev. Ralph Waterhouse resigned as Rector, Saint Alban's Cathedral, Oviedo, Florida, effective August 24, 2025.

Transfer

DEUS: The Rev. Paul Beutell transferred to accept the position of Rector of Saint Michael and All Angels Church, Fleming Island, Florida, (ACC), effective January 7, 2026.

Release from Ministry

DEUS: The Rev. Mr. A. Kevin Isley was released from ministry effective December 12, 2025.

Deaths

DEUS: The Reverend Father Don Edelmann, January 7, 2026.

DEUS: The Most Reverend Walter H. Grundorf, DD., February 15, 2026.

Vacancies

DEUS: Church of the Holy Communion Mission, Pensacola, Florida.

DEUS: St. Francis Church (formerly St. Columba's Church), Bossier City (Shreveport), Louisiana.

DEUS: Saint Peter the Apostle Church, Kingsport, Tennessee. Father Paul Castellano (Anglican Catholic Church) is currently stated supply priest.

Prayer List

Of your charity, keep in your prayers:

Mary, wife of Bishop Grundorf; Fr. Mark Menees and wife Jo; Fr. Tom Burr; Fr. Nick Henderson; Fr. Robert Cheeseman; Dcn Thad Osborne; Fr. Franklin Endres and wife Sandy; Fr. David Conway; Fr. Chris Gardner; Fr. Frank Bartlett and wife Geri; Sally, wife of Dcn. Bob Shoup; Fr. Michael Clay Smith; Fr. John Gibson; Bishop Raymond Hanlan; Timothy, son of Mary and Bishop Grundorf; Fr. Briane Turley. **RIP:** The Rev. Donald Edlemann, the Most Rev. Walter H. Grundorf, DD.

APA Presiding Bishop, DEUS Bishop Ordinary Jones Itinerary

April 5: Easter Day Mass at Saint Barnabas Cathedral, Atlanta, Georgia.

April 9-14: Family wedding trip to Texas.

April 18: Wedding at Saint Barnabas Cathedral, Atlanta, Georgia.

April 25-26: Episcopal Visitation and Confirmations, Saint Luke's Church, Port Orange, Florida.

May 9-23: APA Pilgrimage to Greece and Turkey

May 30-31: Episcopal Visitation and Confirmations, Holy Trinity Church, Fernandina Beach, Florida.

June 6-7: Episcopal Visitation and Confirmations, All Saints Parish, Wilmington, North Carolina.

June 8-9: Visit to Saint Bede's Youth Camp, Pickens County, South Carolina.

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June 20-21: Episcopal Visitation and Confirmations, Saint Alban's Cathedral, Oviedo, Florida.

June 27-28: Episcopal Visitation and Confirmations, Saint George the Martyr, Simpsonville, South Carolina.

July 18-19: Episcopal Visitation and Confirmations, Saint Paul's Church, Crownsville, Maryland.

July 20-24: APA, DEUS, and DCWS Joint Synods, Crownsville/Annapolis, Maryland.

APA Missionary Bishop Haines Itinerary

April 13-28: Episcopal Visitations, Ordinations, Confirmations, and Consecration of two newly constructed Churches, APA Missionary District of the Philippines.

July 21-24: APA and DEUS Synods, Crownsville/Annapolis, Maryland.

August 13-19: Episcopal Visitations and Confirmations, Indigenous Pastoral of the Anglican Province in Ecuador.

DEUS Suffragan Bishop Perkins Itinerary

June 7: Episcopal Visitation and Confirmations, Saint Peter the Apostle Church, Kingsport, Tennessee.

July 21-24: APA and DEUS Synods, Crownsville/Annapolis, Maryland.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

May Birthdays

01 The Rev. Wade Miller
03 Dss. Deborah Kidd
05 The Rev. Charles Scott
06 The Rev. Daniel Squires
10 The Rev. Erik Wilson
14 The Rev. Canon Robert Hawkins
16 The Rev. W. Joshua Kimbril
21 The Rev. J. Scott Eddlemon
27 The Rev. Christopher Smith
29 The Very Rev. Gordon Anderson

May Anniversaries

06 The Rev. Bartol Stone, *Priesthood*
10 The Rev. Kyle Williams, *Diaconate*
14 The Rev. Tracy Smith, SSA, *Diaconate*
16 The Ven. Mark Menees, OSB, *Priesthood*
16 The Ven. Michael Ward, SSA, *Diaconate*
16 The Very Rev. Ralph Waterhouse, *Diaconate*
17 The Rev. Mr. John Watson, *Diaconate*
20 The Rev. John Gibson, *Diaconate*

21 The Rev. J. Scott Eddlemon, *Diaconate*
21 The Rev. W. Joshua Kimbril, *Priesthood*
21 The Rev. Charles Scott, *Diaconate*
21 The Rev. Charles Scott, *Priesthood*
23 The Rev. Raymond Davison, *Diaconate*
23 The Rev. Wade Miller, *Priesthood*
26 The Very Rev. Matthew Harlow, *Priesthood*
26 The Rev. David Masterson, *Diaconate*

June Birthdays

16 The Rev. Michael Northup
18 The Rev. Bartol Stone
19 Dss. Lynda Gerlach
19 The Rev. Mr. Lawrence Stogner, III
27 The Rev. David Eastes
28 The Rev. Dennis Washburn, PhD
30 The Rev. Randall Russell

June Anniversaries

03 The Rev. Franklin Endres, *Diaconate*
03 The Rev. Wesley Walker, *Priesthood*
06 The Rev. David Keller, *Priesthood*
08 The Rev. Ian Jarrells, *Priesthood*
08 The Most Rev. Chandler H. Jones, SSC, *Diaconate*
08 The Rev. Mark Pavlina, *Diaconate*
10 The Rev. Robert Kirk, *Priesthood*
10 The Rt. Rev. William Perkins, Jr, CBS, SM, *Diaconate*
10 The Rev. Prebendary Erich Zwingert, SSC, *Diaconate*
11 The Rev. Michael Smith, *Diaconate*
12 The Rev. Michael Bowhay, *Diaconate*
12 The Rev. Briane Turley, *Priesthood*
13 The Rev. Dennis Washburn, PhD, *Diaconate*
14 The Rev. William Martin, SSC, *Priesthood*
18 The Rev. Randall Russell, *Priesthood*
20 The Rev. Robert Placer, *Diaconate*
20 The Rev. Erik Wilson, *Priesthood*
22 The Most Rev. Richard Rajesh Kumar Panyem, *Bishop*
23 The Rev. Franklin Endres, *Priesthood*
23 The Rev. Ronald Massey, *Diaconate*
23 The Rev. David Masterson, *Priesthood*
25 The Rev. Scott Greene, *Diaconate*

July Birthdays

14 The Rev. Aaron Ott
16 The Rev. David Hodil
23 The Rev. Mr. J. Boyd Baker
24 The Very Rev. Paul Rivard
26 The Rev. David Coady, SSA

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July Anniversaries

- 03 The Very Rev. Paul Rivard, *Priesthood*
 06 The Rev. Kevin Fife, *Diaconate*
 10 The Rev. Guerrier Mews, *Diaconate*
 17 The Rev. Aaron Ott, *Diaconate*
 18 The Very Rev. Daniel Trout, *Priesthood*
 19 The Rt. Rev. David Haines, *Bishop*
 22 The Rev. Kenneth Bailey, *Diaconate*
 22 The Rev. John Poole, *Priesthood*
 26 The Rev. Daniel Malcolm, *Diaconate*
 26 The Rev. Clarence 'Chip' Sills, *Diaconate*
 27 The Rev. Seth Galpo, *Diaconate*
 28 Dss. Tina Jenkins, *Set Apart*

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August Birthdays

- 01 The Rev. Kevin Burks
 09 The Rev. Mr. Robert Shoup
 16 The Rev. James Danford, LtCol USAF
 18 The Rev. M. Tracy Smith
 18 The Very Rev. Daniel Trout
 25 The Very Rev. Ralph Waterhouse

August Anniversaries

- 05 The Rev. Bradley Cunningham, *Priesthood*
 05 The Rev. Mr. Clyde Wilkins, *Diaconate*
 08 The Rev. Randall Russell, *Diaconate*
 11 The Rev. James Johnson, Jr. *Diaconate*
 12 The Rev. Mr. Gustavo Aldas, *Diaconate*
 12 The Rev. Mr. Luis Aulla, *Diaconate*
 12 The Rev. Mr. Walter Coro, *Diaconate*
 12 The Rev. Mr. David Daquilema, *Diaconate*
 12 The Rev. Mr. Daniel Guaman, *Diaconate*
 12 The Rev. Mr. Jose Morales, *Diaconate*
 12 The Rev. Mr. Manuel Puma, *Diaconate*
 13 The Rev. William Martin, SSC, *Diaconate*
 13 The Rev. Canon R. H. Tregenza, Ph.D., *Diaconate*
 14 The Rev. David Hodil, *Diaconate*
 14 The Rev. Mr. Allen Ryan, *Diaconate*
 15 The Rev. David Hodil, *Priesthood*
 15 The Rev. Daniel Squires, *Priesthood*
 16 The Rev. Grant Brodrecht, PhD, *Priesthood*
 18 The Rev. Gustavo Aldas, *Priesthood*
 18 The Rev. Mark Perkins, *Diaconate*
 23 The Rev. Chris Gardner, SSA, SM, *Priesthood*
 23 The Rev. James Johnson, Jr. *Priesthood*
 24 The Rev. Michael Northup, *Priesthood*