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### Don't Forget

The Diocese has just launched a brand new website at [www.anglicandoma.org](http://www.anglicandoma.org). Please remember to update your bookmark links, links to our site from yours, and other places you publish the site address. We appreciate it!

Also, please "Like" the new Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/anglicandoma](http://www.facebook.com/anglicandoma) and follow the new Twitter page at [www.twitter.com/anglicandoma](http://www.twitter.com/anglicandoma) to build support for the Diocese online!

## Communion of Saints

Dear Friends,

The Rev. James Guthrie has served for four years as the staff person for the Anglican District of Virginia and now Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic. He has managed our office and carried out with grace and skill the vital ministry of organizing and supporting our growing movement. We owe him a huge debt of gratitude for all that he has done in service of our Lord Jesus Christ. Both James and I believe that God is now calling him to use his gifts for ministry in the setting of pastoral ministry in a parish, perhaps through church planting, for which he has long had a great passion. As a result, we are now beginning a period of staff transition. We have not set a definite date, but over the next months as God opens doors in other areas of ministry, James will transition off our Diocesan staff. With the help of the Standing Committee, we are now starting the search for his successor and have posted the position description on our new website, [www.anglicandoma.org](http://www.anglicandoma.org).

Please join James and me in prayer for his future ministry, as the Lord continues to lead him in fruitful service of His Kingdom.

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As we celebrate All Saints' Day this week (it falls on November 1 but it is also observed this coming Sunday), we focus on the universal church and on what is called the Communion of Saints, the union we have with all those who have put their trust in Jesus from every people and language and tribe and nation—those still on earth, and those who have gone before us in ages past.


On All Saints' Day we read from Revelation Chapter 7, which shows us a picture of a multitude in heaven. The question is asked, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" And the answer is given, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb" (Revelation 7:13, 14).

These are the saints who have endured great suffering for Christ and the blood of the Lamb has washed them clean. All Saints' Day invites us to consider the cost of following Jesus, the price we must pay if we are to be faithful to the one who gave his life for us.

I am currently reading the monumental biography of Dietrich Bonhoeffer by Eric Metaxas. Bonhoeffer was a German pastor and theologian who saw the real threat that Adolph Hitler posed to his nation and to the Church. When others were prepared to accommodate the Church's teaching to the ideology of the Third Reich, Bonhoeffer saw the implications of compromise with a false Gospel. His deep commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ is reflected in such timeless works as *The Cost of Discipleship* and, having counted the cost himself, he was executed in the Flossenburg concentration camp shortly before the end of the war.

As we face growing challenges to biblical faith in Christ, we have much to learn from the experience and witness of the suffering Church around the world, those who are standing firm for Jesus in places like Sudan and Egypt and Northern Nigeria. Let us never fail to pray for these saints with whom we are one in Jesus. And let's also pray for God's grace to stand as firmly and as sacrificially for the Gospel in our own culture.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a plus sign followed by the name 'John' in a cursive script.

The Rt. Rev. John A. M. Guernsey

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## New Diocese Website and Contact Information

The Diocese has launched a new website at [www.anglicandoma.org](http://www.anglicandoma.org). We ask that you please update your bookmark links, links to the site from your website, and anywhere the URL is published in electronic or published materials.

In addition, below you can find the new staff emails and office contact information.

### **New staff emails:**

James Guthrie, administrative and pastoral support: [James.Guthrie@anglicandoma.org](mailto:James.Guthrie@anglicandoma.org)

Heather Adams, executive assistant to the Bishop and events: [Heather.Adams@anglicandoma.org](mailto:Heather.Adams@anglicandoma.org)

Sara Allen, communications consultant: [Sara.Allen@anglicandoma.org](mailto:Sara.Allen@anglicandoma.org)

The Rt. Rev. John Guernsey, Bishop: [John.Guernsey@anglicandoma.org](mailto:John.Guernsey@anglicandoma.org)

### **Office address, phone and fax:**

14851 Gideon Drive  
Woodbridge, VA 22192  
Tel: (703) 590-5470

Fax: (703) 590-3269

We look forward to staying in touch with you!

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## Synod Registration Extended to Nov. 11

The Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic Fall 2011 Synod will be held November 18-19, 2011 at All Saints' Anglican Church in Woodbridge. **The registration deadline has been extended to November 11.** Please register at [www.anglicandoma.org](http://www.anglicandoma.org).

### Location:

The Synod will be held at the new All Saints' Church building in Woodbridge, VA:  
14851 Gideon Drive  
Woodbridge, VA 22192

### Accommodations:

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Wytestone Suites, less than half a mile from All Saints' Church.  
14525 Gideon Drive  
Woodbridge, VA 22192  
(703) 490-4100

You will need to reserve your own accommodations. Be sure to identify yourself with the Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic to get the \$88/night rate. This price includes a full hot breakfast and WiFi. Deadline for registration is November 11th. **Hotel Details.** If you would prefer to stay in a private home, please email **Heather Adams** or call her at 703-590-5470 (Diocesan office) or 703-850-8236 (cell). This offer is subject to availability of host homes.

### Schedule:

Friday, Nov. 18  
Registration will be from 4:00-7:30 in the atrium of All Saints' Church.  
Light refreshments will be available.

Opening Eucharist will begin at 7:30. This service is open to the public.  
Clergy are asked to vest. (Green stoles.)  
Childcare is provided for children 5 and under. If you require childcare, please indicate that on your registration form.

Saturday, Nov. 19  
Registration opens at 8:00 am.  
Coffee, and breakfast snacks will be available.

The Synod begins with worship at 8:45 am.

Lunch is included in your registration fee.  
Our Diocesan Offices will be blessed following lunch.  
Synod concludes at 4:00 pm.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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## Partnership for Life



*In early September, the Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic learned of a budding partnership between Kirsten Ball, a parishioner of Truro Church, and Angela Clark, a parishioner of Sacred Heart Church in Manassas. Through a connection via Pro-life Unity, the two began discussion and partnership to defend the sanctity of life through a mobile ultrasound and pregnancy resource center (PRC), considering strategic locations for the center at universities, abortion clinics and PRCs without ultrasound. Anglicans for Life, which Kirsten heads up, has supported the initiative, as well as Dan Steiner of Mission Pre-born in Indianapolis, which donated an RV and ultrasound to Angela in hopes that her ministry could hit the road. We are delighted to see the unity and support being built across the parishes and ministries involved. Below are excerpts from an article shared with permission from Katie Bahr of the Catholic Herald, who recently covered Angela's mobile PRC ministry.*

## **Pregnancy Resource Center Hits the Road**

*Story Credit: Katie Bahr, Catholic Herald*

*Photo: Courtesy photo*

Angela Clark, a parishioner of Sacred Heart Church in Manassas, has spent 11 years as a counselor providing pro-life support to women experiencing crisis pregnancies. Now, she's taking to the open road in an RV. With the mobile PRC, Clark will be able to bring pro-life counseling and ultrasound technology to women where they are, versus waiting for them to come to a crisis pregnancy center.

Clark believes the mobile PRC will be particularly helpful in counseling students at colleges and universities who might be too afraid to come to a crisis pregnancy center. With the PRC parked on campus a few days a month, she believes the PRC will be more convenient and less intimidating for college women in crisis pregnancies. She hopes that experienced counselors will be able to comfort women and convince them to look beyond their fears to the life that is at stake.

She hopes to have the mobile PRC up and running within the next two months, offering free pregnancy tests, counseling and pro-life resources. Later, after finding a medical director, the PRC will begin providing free ultrasounds and, potentially, testing for sexually transmitted diseases.

Clark believes the ultrasounds, in particular, will be instrumental in convincing women to continue with their pregnancies, citing statistics that eight out of 10 abortion-minded women choose life after seeing their unborn child on ultrasound.

"It may only be six weeks along, but your child has a heartbeat, fingers and toes," she said. "(Women) look at these pictures and some of them are in awe, just, 'I didn't know that.'"

**Read the full article.**

### **How to help**

For volunteer information, contact [Angela Clark](#).

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## **Nominations Due Nov. 4**

### **Nominations Requested: Constitution and Canons Committee and Ecclesiastical Trial Court**

The Committee on Nominations is actively seeking nominations (due Nov. 4) for the following Diocesan positions as called for in our new Constitution and Canons, to be elected at our Diocesan Synod, November 18-19, 2011.

Ecclesiastical Trial Court: Nine persons will be elected—four lay persons and five clergy—for staggered three-year terms.

Constitution and Canons Committee: Nine persons will be elected for staggered three-year terms.

Provincial Council: Three persons will be elected—one clergy and two lay persons.

Provincial Assembly: Twenty persons will be elected—seven clergy, seven lay persons, and six youth (aged 16-26 years old).

Youth Delegates: Four youth delegates needed for Nov. 16-22.

Note that for all of these bodies, persons from all walks of life and with a variety of gifts and experience are needed.

Please submit your nominations by Nov. 4 to James Guthrie at the Diocesan Office, [james.guthrie@anglicandoma.org](mailto:james.guthrie@anglicandoma.org).

The Committee on Nominations soon will publish the list of nominees, along with their biographical information and other material.

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## Upcoming Events

11.4.11 - 11.6.11

### Men's Retreat

Anglican Church of the Redeemer

Contact: [Craig](#) or [Dennis](#)

[Info Link](#)

11.6, 11.13, AND 11.20.11

### John and Susan Yates Parenting Class

The Falls Church

Contact: [Brian Klotz](#), 703.574.4380

11.8 – 11.10.11

### Anglican Worship: A conversation on liturgy, formation, mission & art

[Register at Anglican 1000 Web site](#)

11.11.11

### Veteran's Day Service

[The Falls Church Historic Church](#)

11.12.11

### Intercessory Prayer Workshop

[The Falls Church Healing Ministry](#)

11.13.11

### Talmud: The Art of Marc Chagall and Ben-Zion

**Gallery Reception** Hosted by [Truro Church](#)

Contact: [Kirsten Boyd](#)

[Info Link](#)

11.16.11

### The City Harmonic concert

[All Saints' Church](#)

[More Details](#)

11.18.11 – 11.19.11

### Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic Annual Synod

[Register by 11.11.11](#)

12.2 – 12.4.11

### December Healing Conference with Mike Evans

["Doing What Jesus Did"](#)



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## 2012 Men's Spiritual Weekend

**Save the date:** The Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic will once again host the Men's Spiritual Life Conference the weekend of March 23-25, 2012. We will once again go to the lovely Clarion Hotel and Conference Center in Shepherdstown, WV. Our speaker this year will be our new bishop, the Rt. Rev. John Guernsey. Bishop John would like to take this opportunity to get to know the men of the Diocese. Please mark your calendars and spread the word! Registration will be open soon. [More details.](#)

The Falls Church Healing Ministry  
Contact: Cathy Kerby: 703.786.1897

12.9.11

**Messiah Sing-Along**

Truro Church

Contact: Kirsten Boyd, 703-273-1300 x200

Offering to benefit Crosslink International

03.23 - 03.25.12

**Diocesan Men's Weekend**

Speaker: Bishop Guernsey. Stay Tuned for Registration Details.

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