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Anskar

Archbishop of Hamburg, Missionary to Denmark and Sweden



Anskar was one of those valiant Christians of whom it might be said, "These shall plant the seed, but others shall reap the harvest." As Archbishop of Hamburg, he was papal legate for missionary work among the Scandanavians. The immediate result of his perilous labors were slight: two churches established on the border of Denmark and one priest settled in Sweden. He also participated in the consecration of Gotbert, first bishop in Sweden. Anskar was born in Corbie, France in 801. He was educated in the monastic school there and was later chosen to be master of a new monastery school in Saxon, Germany. His strongest call, however, was to be a missionary.

Anskar established a school and mission in Denmark, working diligently but unsuccessfully to convert and evangelize. Shortly afterward, he was called to Sweden and eagerly accepted. Meager aid from both the monastery and the emperor frustrated his efforts. Anskar was consecrated Bishop of Hamburg in 831, and continued his work among the Scandanavians until 848. The seeds of his efforts were not to bear fruit until over one hundred years later. The rich harvest of conversion was three generations away.

Nevertheless, Anskar is looked upon by Scandanavians as their apostle.

Almighty and everlasting God, you sent your servant Anskar as an apostle to the people of Scandanavia, and enabled him to lay a firm foundation for their conversion, although he did not see the results of his labors: Keep your Church from discouragement in the day of small things, knowing that when you have begun good work you will bring it to a fruitful conclusion; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

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*If you would like to see your event listed here, please email Clelia or garritycpg@gmail.com. If you would like to see your event listed in the *diocesan calendar*, please email Barbara.*

SAVE THE DATES

Feb 5, PARISH ORGAN DEDICATION, with a reception to follow. 7:00 PM, Christ Church, Las Vegas, Open to the general public. Please join us for the dedication of our new Schantz pipe organ: A 54-rank, 4 manual instrument, the largest in the State of Nevada. Featured artists will be Mrs. Alice Hohenthauer, Dr. Paul Hesselink, and Mr. Ty Woodward.

Feb 6, NORTH WEST MISSION DISTRICT MEETING, 9:00 AM, St. Paul's in Sparks. Anyone is invited, but the meeting might be most interesting for anyone planning to attend the Diocesan Convention this fall. A light snack will be served. Topics include, General Convention 2009; Diocesan Convention 2009; The Youth Mission Trip 2009. For information call Jody at 775-772-5318 or 775-829-2677, or email melanjody@rolfson.reno.nv.us

Feb 7, SUPER BOWL PARTY, Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, Henderson, Epiphany Education Center. Contact Ginny at 702-476-9150

Feb. 9, BHAGAVAD-GITA, 6:00 - 9:00 PM, Truckee Meadows Community College. 1 session. Cost: \$39.00

Feb 13, VESTRY TRAINING IN THE NORTHWEST CORNER, St. Stephen's, Reno, 9:00AM - 12 noon. Presenters will be Fr. Jim Beebe and Senior Warden Gary Thomsen, both from St. Patrick's Incline. This vestry training is for all vestry members: new and returning. All of the fundamentals of the ministry of being on the vestry of a parish will be discussed. For more information contact: Chuck McCray at frensdorff.school@gmail.com

Feb 14, ORGAN RECITAL - HANS U. HIELSCHER, International Recitalist, 7:30 P.M., All Saint's, Las Vegas.

Feb 16, SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER, 6:00 PM, hosted by the men of the parish, St. Christopher, Boulder City.

Feb. 16, SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER, 5:30 - 7:00 PM, Holy Trinity Church Parish Hall, 507 Church St., Fallon. \$3.00/per person. All are welcome.

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Feb. 17, IMPOSITION OF ASHES AND HOLY EUCHARIST, 7:00 PM, Holy Trinity Church, Fallon.

Feb 17, ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGY WITH SPECIAL MUSIC BY ALL SAINTS' CHOIR, 7:00 PM, All Saints', Las Vegas

Feb 19, STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be a special teaching stations with Father Jim Lyons presiding.

Stations of the Cross are at **5:00 PM EACH FRIDAY** during Lent.

Feb 19, FAMILY GAME NIGHT, 6:30 PM, Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, Epiphany Education Center.

Feb 26 - 27, CATHOLICITY: ROMAN OR REFORMED: a presentation on roles, authority, transitions and faith by The Rev, Joseph Duggan. Friday - 6:30-9:00 PM; Saturday - 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Lunch will be served, Epiphany Education Center. Donations accepted to cover costs. RSVP to helen@mcpeak.org

Feb 26-28, VOCARE (VO-CAR-EE), a event for young adults (18-30ish), run by young adults. Trinity Episcopal Church, Reno. We worship, sing, and tell our stories. We learn how to listen to God. More information can be found on the Diocesan website. Contact Maggie Davison, mclairedavidson@gmail.com (702-277-5257), or Elyse Monroy, elysemonroy@gmail.com (775-762-1773) for more information and a registration packet

Mar 19 - 21 THANK GOD FOR EVOLUTION: How the Marriage of Science and Religion Will Transform Your Life and Our World. Presenter: Rev. Michael Dowd, America's evolutionary evangelist. Dowd's inspiring message expands the horizon of what is possible for self, for relationships, and for our world. Cost for the Saturday workshop is \$100 for registrations received by Mar 10; \$115 for later registration. Continental Breakfast and lunch included. Introductory lecture on Friday evening; Rev. Dowd will preach on Sunday. The weekend is sponsored by St. Peter's, Carson City. For more information, or to register contact tov. Kim Morgan at kamorgan@pyramid.net. 775-883-1681.

Mar 19-21, YOUTH SERVICE WEEKEND, Camp Galilee - An excellent opportunity for youth ages 14-18 to spend the weekend at the camp and provide volunteer work to prepare the camp for the summer camping program. Prospective counselors can be part of the camp experience and be interviewed during this weekend, as well. Leadership will be provided by Fr. Jeff Paul, Executive Director Stuart Campbell, and experienced summer counselors. The cost of the weekend will be \$50. To register, call 775-749-5546.

Mar 13, LENTEN QUIET DAY AT GRACE led by Rev. Mary Bredlau, 9:00 AM - 12 noon, concluding with the Eucharist, and then a simple soup lunch in the parish hall. Please RSVP directly to Rev. Mary at RevMaryB@cox.net or 702-540-3012, by two days prior.

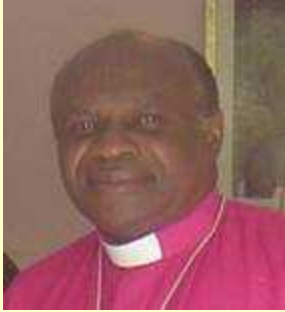
Mar 26, STATIONS OF THE CROSS, Special Youth Version, with young people leading the service, St. Christopher's, Boulder City.

Mar 28, PALM SUNDAY - CONCERT BY ALL SAINTS' CHOIR, 5:30 PM, All Saints', Las Vegas

May 28-31, MEMORIAL DAY ADULT RETREAT, Camp Galilee. The program will begin Friday, May 28 with dinner and conclude Monday, May 31 just after breakfast. The cost for the weekend is \$164.00 per person and covers all meals and lodging. Optional activities are provided by Galilee staff and will include guided short walks, kayaking excursions, evening stargazing, and a Sunday Eucharist. There will be plenty of time for personal reflection. Leadership will be provided by the Rev. Jim Beebe and Stuart Campbell. To register call 775-749-5546.

 Forward to a Friend

Letter from Bishop Jean Zache Duracin



to ERD President Rob Radtke

Dear Mr. Radtke:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

I am writing to you from the tent city we have set up behind the rubble of College Ste. Pierre, our marvelous senior secondary school that is no more. As you know, we have gathered approximately 3,000 people here alone.

Across the land, the Diocese of Haiti has set up at least 21 refugee camps, caring for more than 23,000 people.

In this letter, I wish to make clear to the Diocese of Haiti, to Episcopal Relief and Development and to all of our partners that Episcopal Relief and Development is the official agency of the Diocese of Haiti and that we are partners working hand-in-hand in Haiti's relief and recovery efforts.

I also am announcing in this letter that I am appointing The Rev. Lauren R. Stanley, Appointed Missionary of The Episcopal Church, to work directly with ERD on my behalf. I am asking all partners in The Episcopal Church to communicate directly with Rev. Stanley, so as to keep communications with the Diocese of Haiti open. Rev. Stanley is to communicate and work with ERD on my behalf.

In addition, I am asking that all of our partners in the Presbyterian Church USA work directly with ERD, with Rev. Stanley as the central communication person. PCUSA has worked with us for many years, and we are deeply grateful for their compassion and their commitment to the people of Haiti.

We in the Diocese of Haiti have a vision and a plan for this relief and recovery effort. We know the situation on the ground, we are directing emergency relief to those who need it most, and we already are making plans and moving forward to help our people. Since the earthquake struck, we have been and will continue to work closely with your two representatives here, Ms. Katie Mears and Ms. Kirsten Muth. I have complete confidence in you and your agency.

Finally, I wish to make it plain: I know that many of our partners wish to come to Haiti right now to help. Please tell them that unless they are certified professionals in relief and recovery, they must wait. We will need them in the months and years to come, but at this point, it is too dangerous and too much of a burden for our people to have mission teams here.

Please tell our partners, the people of The Episcopal Church, the people of the United States and indeed the people of the world that we in Haiti are immensely grateful for their prayers, their support and their generosity. This is a desperate time in Haiti; we have lost so much. But we still have the most important asset, the people of God, and we are working continuously to take care of them.

I hope that this letter will help all of us work together to help God's beloved people in Haiti. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me. If others have questions or concerns, please ask them to contact you or to work directly with Rev. Stanley.

Faithfully,

Mgr. Jean Zaché Duracin

Desert Angels Health Tip of the Week



A PRAYER FOR HAITI

Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you all who have suffered in the earthquake in Haiti, especially those who are homeless, the sick and injured, and those who grieve the loss of loved ones. Strengthen us in faith and inspire us in reaching out to them that we may help to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, to rebuild their land, and to turn their sorrow into joy. Grant this for the love of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Your prayers and concrete help can be expressed through a gift to **Episcopal Relief & Development**
www.er-d.org

NEWS BRIEFS

JOB OPPORTUNITY: The Caring Place, a caring and comforting environment that provides education, information, and programs that support mind, body, and soul of those touched by cancer is looking for an *Executive Director*. Please forward your resume to Debbie Kruse at the Caring Place via email at dkruse@thecaringplacenv.org

Lent Soup/Salad Suppers at 6:00 PM on February 24th, March 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th in the vicarage. Worship Service at 7:00 PM, followed by Lenten Study, "Praying in Color: Drawing a New Path to God."

Holy Trinity, Fallon

Lenten Series "Holocaust and Holocaust Studies", Grace in the Desert, 6:30 - 8:30 PM every Wednesday evening during Lent, beginning with a simple service in the Church and moving to the new Parish Center for a light supper and conversation. Featured speakers will be Rev'd Jim Wallis; Rabbi Malcom Cohen; and Lydia Lebovic, Holocaust survivor. For information, call 702-838-7444.

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Fallon offers a Bereavement Support "drop-in" group the 2nd Monday of every month from 6:00 - 7:00 PM at the vicarage.

Two 8 week Bereavement Support sessions are also offered. One in the Spring (April 8th- May 27th), and one in the Fall (September 30th - November 18th) on Thursday evenings from 6:00 - 7:00 PM in the Vicarage.

and

A "drop-in" Bereavement Group meets the 1st Wednesday of every month at CARES Cottage in Yerington (306 Surprise Street) from 1:00 - 2:00 PM

St. Timothy's, Henderson offers a Grief Support Group, both groups meet on the second and fourth Mondays and Thursdays of the month at the church. The groups are facilitated by hospice chaplains; meeting times are: Mondays at 10:00 AM and Thursdays at 6:30 PM. The groups offer support for those who have experienced any sort of loss. 43 W. Pacific Ave. in Henderson.

Episcopal Recovery Ministries in Nevada is in formation and will have its first meeting at Diocesan Convention in October. If you would like to participate in this ministry, or have questions, please contact Kathie Knutson Meier at 253-250-953, or 702-684-6444. The national website is <http://episcopalrecovery.org>

The Bishop Wes Frensdorff School of Christian Formation: A new Education Venture of the Episcopal Diocese of Nevada. The school's mission is *To bring together all Nevada Episcopalians for Christian formation, empowering each other to live deeply into our Baptismal Covenant in our relationships, service in daily life, and witness to the world.* To learn more go to the new Frensdorff School of Christian Formation website: <http://frensdorffschool.webs.com/> You may contact them at: frensdorff.school@gmail.com

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