

## CALL TO AN EXTRAORDINARY SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF THE WEST

27th April 2010

WE, Daren Keith Williams, by Divine Permission Bishop of the Diocese of the West, Anglican Church in America, acting pursuant to the provisions of Canon 5.1 of the Canons of this Diocese, do hereby issue this our **CALL** to the Clergy in good standing, canonically resident herein, and to the Lay Delegates of the congregations in union with this Diocese, summoning them to come to All Saints' Anglican Church, the Cathedral Parish of the Diocese of the West, at Fountain Valley, California, on Thursday, July 1, 2010 where an **Extraordinary Synod** will be convened, beginning with the celebration of the Holy Communion at 8:30 a.m.

After several years of prayer and dialogue, the College of Bishops of the Traditional Anglican Communion meet in Portsmouth, England and unanimously approved the sending of a petition to the Church of Rome to *"...seek a communal and ecclesial way of being Anglican Catholics in communion with the Holy See, at once treasuring the full expression of catholic faith and treasuring our tradition within which we have come to this moment..."* The Church of Rome, through the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (CDF), responded to our petition in the form of the Apostolic Constitution, *Anglicanorum coetibus*. Bishops of the TAC will have been in consultation with the CDF to clarify the language and intent of the Constitution at the end of May 2010. The purpose of this extraordinary Synod is to gather for prayer and discussion regarding the opportunity for the Diocese of the West to enter into communion with the Roman Catholic Church under the structure of a Personal Anglican Ordinariate. Materials describing the issue/s before us, will be forthcoming, copies of which will be made available to every member of the Diocese of the West.

Clergy are reminded that their attendance is required by Canon, unless excused in writing by the Bishop Ordinary.

GIVEN under our Hand and Seal at Fountain Valley, California this 27th day of April, 2010.

The Rt. Rev. Daren K. Williams, Bishop Ordinary  
Diocese of the West

## **2010 DIOCESAN SYNOD SCHEDULED**

As has been announced, the Diocese of the West is scheduled to meet in Extraordinary Synod on July 1, 2010 at Fountain Valley, California. At the same time and in the interest of saving energy, expense, and time to all persons involved, we will also conduct the necessary canonical business of the Diocese normally handled in the Fall at the normal Synod time. Included in the deliberations will be election of Diocesan Officers as well as delegates to the next General Synod of the ACA, and the financial report of the Diocesan Treasurer will be presented. This will eliminate the need for TWO gatherings to discuss Diocesan affairs in the same year.

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