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THE DIOCESE OF QU'APPELLE

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Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

News from the Diocese:

At the diocesan council meeting 11 June it was decided that **Archdeacon Dell Bornowsky**, part time St Philip, Regina and part time executive Archdeacon and assistant to the Bishop, be full time in his executive and diocesan responsibilities. Dell will assume the full time position as of 1st September, though for the months of September and October he will fulfill his preaching and celebrant duties at St Philips. The demand for administrative and pastoral ministry/oversight across the diocese has led to this reallocation of duties. Please pray for Dell and the people of St Philips as they move into this transition period and pray that God would provide a priest and pastor for St Philips.

The Revd. Dr Dustin Resch, presently employed by Qu'Appelle House on a full time, temporary contract to the end of July will, as of 1st August, be 2 days a week for Qu'Appelle House and 3 days a week for the diocese to 31 December. In both positions Dustin will be responsible for administrative policy development.

At 5pm on June 26 at St Mary's Regina, there will be a thanksgiving Eucharist followed by a reception for the 40th Anniversary of **The Revd Dr Carlos Roberts** Priestly Ordination and the 17th Anniversary of Reception as Anglican Priest. We offer Carlos our sincere congratulations as he commemorates this milestone occasion and we pray that Carlos continues to be a godly example in word and action, in love and patience, and in holiness of life.

At 7pm Thursday, the 21st of July, 2016 at The Cathedral Church of Saint Paul, 1859 McIntyre Street, Regina, **Mr. Edward Wilson Dunfield** of St Luke's Regina will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons, as a transitional deacon, in Christ's One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. Clergy are asked to robe in Cassock, Alb and Red Stole and there will be a reception following the service. Your prayers for Ed as he prepares for ordination would be much appreciated.

The Revd. David Nevett, from the Parish of Coteau Hills, is recovering from surgery which took place earlier this week. He is currently at St Paul's Hospital in Saskatoon. Your prayers for healing and renewed strength would be sincerely appreciated.

During the weeks of 26 June - 2 July and 6 – 14 July **The Very Revd. Mike Sinclair** will assume the role of commissary as I attend my final week of courses as a new bishop, in Richmond, Virginia USA and then travel to the General Synod in Toronto.

General Synod 7 – 13 July 2016

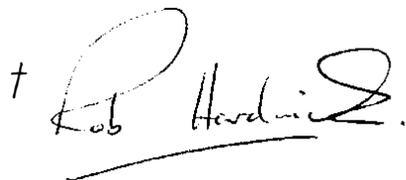
I ask your prayers for all the delegates attending General Synod and for the important decisions that we will be called upon to make. From the diocese of Qu'Appelle, Archdeacons Dell Bornowsky and Peter Boote together with Jason Antonio, Jim White and Matthew Gobbett will be attending the Synod with me. It is a full agenda and we are very much aware of the media attention and the apprehension in the Church especially over the motion to change the Marriage Canon. A great deal of time will be set aside during the Synod for small and large group reflections and sharing, as well as debates and votes in the main assembly. All the worship, proceedings, talks, debates and announcements in the main assembly will be video broadcast and can be accessed through the Anglican Church of Canada website, so please watch the proceedings and pray with us about the decisions the Synod will be called upon to make.

I have been impressed with the discussions we have had in the diocese and pray that our Godly example, willingness to listen, and the wholesome way some have been able to share their views, will also be witnessed at General Synod.

May I remind us all that votes on matters of doctrine require a 2/3rd majority in each of the orders of bishops, clergy and laity at two General Synods before the motion change becomes effective. If the motion is carried in all 3 orders then it is sent to diocesan and provincial synods for consultation. It will then be voted on a second time at the General Synod in 2019. If it passes the second reading the change in the marriage canon will become effective 1st January, 2020. This is a time for prayerful consideration and deliberation. So please pray. As I shared with the diocesan council recently, I had intended by now to have finished a paper on a third proposal option but due to my diocesan and wider church commitments and workload, this is not yet finished.

Bishop's Cycle Ride: Poster, information, and pledge forms were emailed earlier this week. Please circulate as you are able. I thank you in advance for your prayerful, practical and financial support.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Rob Hardwick". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R" and a cross at the end of the line.

The Rt. Revd. Rob Hardwick
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