



Ascension Alliance

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Focus on Community: New Ascensionists Beloved Disciple

This is our first ever "Focus on Community" article, featuring the Beloved Disciple Community in Baltimore, Maryland (Fr. Ted Feldmann, Pastor). The community, which meets for the weekly celebration of the most Holy Eucharist, rents chapel space from the historic St. Mark's Lutheran Church (Rev. Dale Dusman, Pastor). Pastor Dusman has befriended the Beloved Disciple Community and has traditionally invited the Beloved Disciple Community to join with St. Mark's Lutheran and Lovely Lane Methodist (Rev. Nancy Nedwell, Pastor) to share the Good Friday Liturgy.

The liturgy, includes music by the paid, professional, choir of St. Mark's, the reading of the Passion, Veneration of the Cross and Eucharist from the reserved sacrament, to which all are invited. This year, Fr. Ted was asked to serve as the homilist for the service. Brother Bruno Zinkgraf, a Benedictine monk and deacon serving Beloved Disciple, was a Lector.

The two Protestant congregations have a long history. St. Mark's interior was designed by Louis Comfort Tiffany, including several Tiffany windows. Lovely Lane is considered "the Mother Church of American Methodism." Both are National Historic Landmarks. Check their web sites.

This year, Fr. Ted also served as Master of Ceremonies for the permanent vows of Brother Bruno Zinkgraf as a Benedictine monk on Thursday, March 21, 2013. The liturgy was held at the Metropolitan Community Church of Baltimore. Brother Bruno has been serving as a deacon at Beloved Disciple. He has made his vows in front of his bishop, Archbishop Mark Shirilau, of the Ecumenical Catholic Church.

Bishop Carol Parrish-Harra is a world renown author, teacher of ancient wisdom, and a consecrated Independent Catholic bishop.

Glynn Rogers, a long time sojourner of Bishop Patsy Grubbs, has been cleared for ordination to the Diaconate (October).

Rev. Edward del Arroyo, a former Camaldolese monk, completed his M.Div at Marylhurst University, Portland, OR and was ordained to the Diaconate by Bishop Alan Kemp in July.

Rev. Giovanna Vannal, is the pastor of the Center for Holistic Awareness in Mitchelville, MD. She completed her M.Div degree with us. She has been cleared for priesthood training.

Rev. Valerie Lucas and **Rev. Roseanne Hutchinson**, who were previously ordained as ministers and recently as deacons by Bishop Carol Parrish-Harra, have been cleared for priesthood training.

Our youngest Ascensionist is seminarian **Joshua Shawnee** of Shawnee, OK. He is a graduate of St. Gregory's University.

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Convocation 2013... A Success!



Pictured are seminarian Dr. Carole Royal (Fero), left, and Rev. Msgr. Deirdre Brousseau, right, at the conclusion of Convocation 2013 in Richmond, VA. Messengers of Hope is one of several books authored by newly incardinated Bishop Carol Parrish-Harra.

About the Ascension Alliance

One small branch of the Mystical Body

- A **"Free Catholic" and "Emerging" Church.** We are born of a free Catholic vision, in the tradition of a fledgling Independent Catholic movement, inspired by the intuitions of the Emerging Church, and following in the example of Jewish Renewal. We require rigorous preparation for ordained ministry but encourage maximum self-determination and a creative response to the needs of today's world. Our bishops and priests trace their apostolic succession as far back as that of even the most ancient of Catholic and Orthodox communions.
- **We are about fellowship, the spiritual path, and love.** Honoring the legacy of Archbishop Herman Adrian Spruit, we strive to be a fellowship of spiritual pilgrims. Without imposing dogma, we give ourselves and others the freedom and encouragement we need to live the truth and become ever more renewed and transformed. For us, Christ's ministry is the law of love and truth. Saint Augustine may have said it best, "Love and do as you will."

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