



The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Collect of the Day

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Meet the Episcopal Church's Missionaries: *Thomas McGowan, an Episcopal Volunteer in Mission (EVIM) missionary serving in the Diocese of the Dominican Republic*

In my mission work, I serve as a consultant to the school board for the Diocese of the Dominican Republic. My placement involves two locations, so "a normal day" varies depending on where I'm located. I travel to the Dominican Republic 4-5 times per year, for about 2-3 weeks each trip. While I'm here, I coordinate professional development workshops for an education mission team that I've recruited, visit schools, attend meetings of the school board, work on long-term planning projects, and do consultant work on particular projects. Bishop Moises Quezada Mota has identified school improvement as a major goal for his episcopate. My work benefits greatly from his unwavering support.

When in Nebraska, my work as a consultant continues via distance; I regularly communicate with my Dominican colleagues. They rank among the finest educators I have ever worked with. I also have recently assumed the directorship of a Nebraska-based non-profit organization, Colegio Kids, which raises money for scholarships for students in Episcopal schools. I also am increasingly involved in grant writing to raise funds for school improvement projects in the D.R.

Why did you choose to serve as an Episcopal Volunteer in Mission?

About 10 years ago (while a university administrator), I suffered a medical event — during a faculty meeting, I collapsed after going into cardiac arrest. I now have a pacemaker and my health is fine. So good, in fact, that the surgeon who implanted the device said: "I don't know if you're the luckiest man in the world, but you're the luckiest guy I ever met." Seems that the chances of surviving such an event without brain or major organ damage (as I did) is about 2%. I explained to the doctor that I believed my survival had nothing to do with luck; it was a blessing. Upon

retirement, I looked for ways in which I might give back and share my blessing with others.

Long-time Episcopal missionaries to the D.R. Bob and Ellen Snow retired to our church in Lincoln, Nebraska. I talked about my need to "give back" and they suggested that I accompany them to the annual convention of the Dominican Diocese and "poke around" to see if I might help with efforts to improve the Episcopal schools, particularly transforming 26 schools serving over 6,500 students into something approaching an educational system. The bishop at that time, Rvdsmo. Julio Holguin, encouraged me; his successor, Obispo Moises Quezada Mota, has embraced my work; the educational leadership team here have become true colleagues. The rest, as they say, is history.

How can we pray for you and the people you work with?

One thing immediately comes to mind: I blog almost daily while in the D.R. and on a regular basis while in Nebraska. Check-in with my postings so you can get a better sense of what's happening here and how my work as a school improvement consultant is proceeding. I ask for prayers for particular initiatives from time to time.

Prayers for continued good health, safe travels for the professional development team as we travel by "guagua" (van) from one end of the diocese to the other and increased resources for school improvement would be welcomed. Mostly, keep the Dominican diocese in your thoughts and prayers as they continue to grow and spread the Good News in this corner of the Caribbean and beyond.

You can continue to follow and find out about Thomas' mission on his blog at mcgowandr.wordpress.com. Learn more about Episcopal Volunteers in Mission at: www.episcopalchurch.org/global-partnerships/mission-personnel

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The Feast of Pentecost

Celebrate with us! The Feast of Pentecost is June 9th. All Souls' will joyfully celebrate the birthday of the Church. **Please wear RED** as we celebrate with music, prayer and our FANTASTIC brunch. **We will take a "Church Family" picture on the front plaza. Invite friends!!**



Stewardship Opportunities

During this exciting time, as we begin a new chapter in our church's history, we have **numerous stewardship opportunities** to donate your talents and time to our Church Community: **We are searching for a volunteer(s) to assist in the Parish office, one day during the week, for a few hours. Please talk to Fr. Tim for details.**

Summer School

Thank you for all your comments and suggestions regarding our summer education/formation series. **Two distinct programs have "bubbled up"** from your input:



1 - Saturday mornings - No exact time as yet: Received favorably and content to be determined by those who subscribe. One suggestion is an "Inquirers' Class" where the attendees submit questions on the prior Sunday for discussion and learning. Fr. Tim would moderate this group.

2 - Theology on Tap - No night or time as yet. A group will meet at a pub or restaurant to review and discuss a pre-determined portion of scripture. J. J. Flores has offered to moderate this program.

Please see Fr. Tim with your comments and questions and once again, THANK YOU!

Hospitality



If your First Name begins with E - J, a reminder that there is an opportunity for you to provide a much-needed food item for our hospitality next **Sunday, June 2nd**. Those members preferring to donate cash are encouraged to continue to do so and give their cash gifts to Ms. Joyce the week before their scheduled week, to allow her time to purchase any needed items. **Thank you for your continuing support and participation.**

We Hold in Prayer †

Lord Jesus Christ, Good Shepherd of the sheep, you gather the lambs in your arms and carry them in your bosom: We commend to your loving care your servants. Relieve their pain, guard them from all danger, restore to them your gifts of gladness and strength, and raise them up to a life of service to you. Hear us, we pray, for your dear Name's sake. Amen.†

For Healing: We pray for Baby Ailia, Bob, Bronwen, Carmela Dana, Daphne, Darryl, Dennis, Gary, Glen, Greg, Fr. Errol Harvey, Baby Hunter, Jim, Karen, Deacon Katon, Ken, Reverend Kleban, Lily, Malu, Nellie, Obie, Paul Gracy, Rafael, Ray, Richard, Rick, Rito, Rose, Santos, Sheila, Bishop Sturdie, Tania and Tony.

For those living with HIV/AIDS and their families.

For those living with addiction & those in recovery.

For the dying and those who watch and care for them and mourn for their loss.

For the Faithful Departed and the Repose of Ms. Vivian Arlene Aylor.

Season of Pentecost

All celebrations and/or events are held at All Souls' Episcopal Church unless otherwise noted

June 9th

The Day of Pentecost / Withsunday

Holy Eucharist 8:00 am

Sung Eucharist 10:30 am

June 16th – Trinity Sunday

The First Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist 8:00 am

Sung Eucharist 10:30 am

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!

June 23rd

The Second Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist 8:00 am

Sung Eucharist 10:30 am

Eggs Sunday!! Please bring boiled eggs for Feed My Sheep Program

June 30th

The Third Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist 8:00 am

Sung Eucharist 10:30 am

July 7th

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist 8:00 am

Sung Eucharist 10:30 am

Prayer List

If you would like to add the name of a loved one, a place, an organization, an event, or a situation to the Prayer List, please email: parishoffice@allsouls.org

For all our Loved ones, our Friends & our Neighbors.

For those celebrating Birthdays or Anniversaries.

For our visitors today and their safe travel back to their homes.

For peace throughout the world.

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