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The Red Door

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

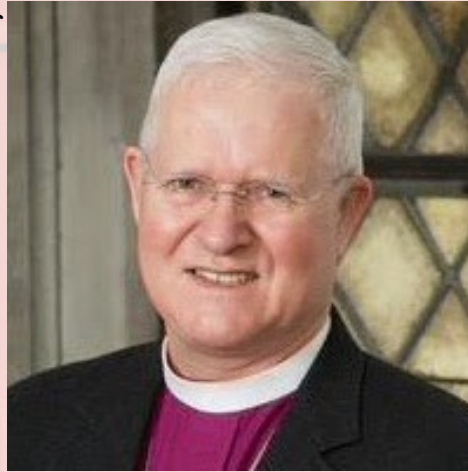
Special Bishop Issue 2022

THE BISHOP IS COMING! THE BISHOP IS COMING!

Nothing stirs the hearts of clergy and parishioners more than hearing that the Bishop is coming for a visit. So many plans. It's almost like a "state" visit, which in many ways it is. According to the Canons (laws) of the Church, the Bishop is the chief pastor of every congregation in the Diocese and is required to visit every congregation at least once in a two-year period. In our Diocese, since we have assisting bishops, we very often get a Bishop visit more frequently. We clergy serve as the Bishop's pleasure, even Rectors.

Every bishop I've served for enjoys their visits, and they really don't want a whole bunch of fuss. They really want to get to know everyone, hear how the parish is doing, have an opportunity to talk to leadership...and especially preside at Baptisms and Confirmations! Here's how Bishop Smith describes his visits.

"The round of pastoral visits to the parishes and other worshiping communities in the Diocese of Southern Ohio is one of my chief responsibilities as your bishop. Visitations are also one of the great joys of the episcopate. For me to preach the word and to preside at the table and the font is not an extraordinary ministry. It is, in fact, the usual thing for a bishop to do, even when a parish experiences these Episcopal acts once every fifteen to eighteen months. My hope is that visitations can be relaxed in tone but focused in purpose. They need



look nothing at all like a state occasion and, as the chief pastor of the Diocese, I prefer not to be treated as a guest. We are, all of us, guests at the table where Jesus himself is the host.

"As an extension of presiding at the eucharistic table, where the faithful community discerns Christ's body, present in the sacrament (1 Cor. 11:23-33), my intent is also to spend some time discerning, with you, the body of Christ which is your congregation... The sharing of a meal or refreshments is something I enjoy, since it allows me to be with the people of the parish in a more relaxed setting. Please understand that such an event is neither required nor necessary for every visitation. But I always welcome these opportunities."

A bishop visitation also is an opportunity for the clergy of the congregation to spend some time with, and serve at the Table with, our Bishop and for them to get to know us better.

For all of us, it's a wonderful opportunity to get to know Bishop Smith, ask lots of questions...theological (because bishops love teaching!), what's happening in the Diocese, what does a bishop actually do...and anything else.

Most importantly, join us in celebrating the Confirmations of **Rob and Ty Harner!**

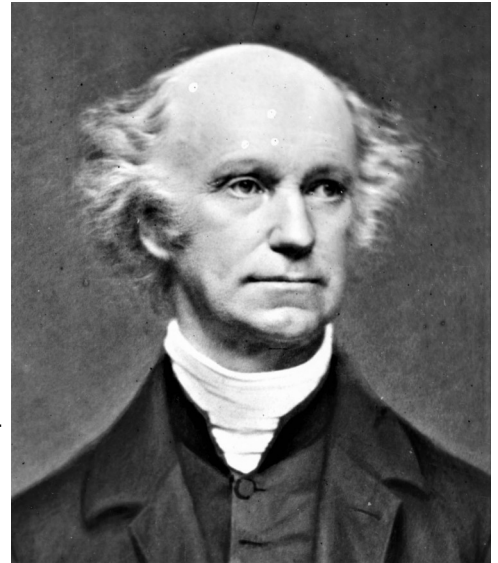
Rev. Terri

Diocese History Lesson



Philander Chase -(left) December 14, 1775 – September 20, 1852, was an Episcopal Church bishop, educator, and pioneer of the United States western frontier, especially in Ohio and Illinois. He was the first bishop of Ohio. John G. Carson portrayed Philander Chase at a diocesan convention!

Next came Charles Pettit McIlvaine - (right) January 18, 1799 – March 13, 1873 who was an Episcopal bishop, author, educator and twice Chaplain of the United States Senate. If you remember, one of our Priests went on to serve as Chaplain of the US Senate for 18 years! Can you name him? (answer on back page)



DIOCESE OF SOUTHERN OHIO



At the founding of St. Mary's, the Diocese of Ohio covered the entire state. During that period, the bishops were the Right Reverend Charles McIlvaine and the Right Reverend Gregory Bedell.

In 1875, the Diocese of Southern Ohio was formed encompassing the southern half of the state (map at left).

BISHOPS OF DIOCESE OF SOUTHERN OHIO	YEARS
The Right Reverend Thomas Augustus Jagger	1875-1904
The Right Reverend Boyd Vincent	1904-1929
The Right Reverend Theodore I. Reese	1929-1931
The Right Reverend Henry Wise Hobson	1931-1959
The Right Reverend Roger W. Blanchard	1959-1970
The Right Reverend John McGill Krumm	1971-1980
The Right Reverend William Black	1980-1989
The Right Reverend Herbert Thompson Jr.	1992-2005
The Right Reverend Thomas E. Breidenthal	2007-2020

When a Bishop visits, it's very much a visual reminder of our Anglican Episcopal heritage, along with our very Anglican terms such as: Vestry, Narthex, Nave, Chancel, Choir, Evensong, Collect, Curate, Vicar, Verger, and a host of others.

During the visits we get to see: The Bishop's Chair, Mitre, Crozier, Cope, the Three-Legged-Stool, and renew our Baptismal Covenant. And, for a little while we get to be "Cathedral" for a day.

Bishop's Chair and Proto-Cathedral



The first thing you'll see is the Bishop's Chair. There's always one in an Episcopal Church, usually located near the altar where the clergy and servers sit. Sometimes it has to come out of hiding. Technically, it's the Bishop's Throne, or in Greek "cathedra," meaning seat." In Latin, it means, armchair. It's the symbol of the Bishop's authority as chief pastor. With time, the related term cathedral, became synonymous with where the Bishop had their "seat," or principal church, or "where the Bishop is seated."

So why is there a Bishop's Chair in Episcopal Churches? Bishops historically have travelled around their bishopric, and it was normal for them to travel with their "cathedra." Over time, churches began to have a chair reserved for the visits, both as a reminder of the bishop's authority and relationship to the parish, as well as a reminder to hold up the bishop in prayer.

However, wherever the bishop is "seated" or locates their chair, that church, technically, becomes the designated cathedral, often called a proto-cathedral.

Therefore, on the 25th, Bishop Smith will be "seated" at St.

Mary's, which will become a proto-cathedral!

Bishop's Vestments Cope, Mitre, Crozier

The *cope* is a very long cape or cloak, open in front and fastened across the chest with a band or clasp. The *crozier* is a staff carried by a bishop. It is in the shape of a shepherd's crook, and reminds us of Jesus, the Good Shepherd and that the bishop is the "chief shepherd" of the Diocese.

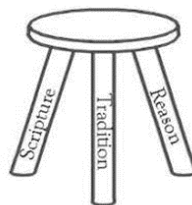


The Bishop wears the *mitre* as

a sign of their authority when talking to the people and teaching. It derives from ancient conical caps worn in the Graeco-Roman world. There is a tradition that has developed saying the point symbolizes the tongue of flame that was received by Christ's disciples on the Day of Pentecost. However, there is nothing historical to confirm that. The mitre usually has "lappets" or tails that hang down the back.

The Three-Legged-Stool

While bishops may no longer travel with their "throne," they do travel with the Three Legged Stool to sit upon when confirming the faithful. While the concept of the stool with 3 legs is used for many things in contemporary business, for Anglicans the stool has become symbolic way of distinguishing the Anglican faith from other Christian traditions.



In the 1600's, Richard Hooker,

ardent preacher against the rise of Puritanism and a favorite of Elizabeth I, developed the classic understanding of from where the nature and authority of the Church comes. What he said was that the Bible, Scripture, has the first claim on our salvation, trust and obedience. However, reason is required to discern those aspects of our faith that are unchangeable doctrine and those that are practices the church has adopted as appropriate understanding and necessary for our particular time and place.

And for reason to be effective, it must be tempered by the wise and loving traditions that have connected and guided our understanding and behavior across generations

Episcopalians value Scripture, Tradition and Reason **equally**. All authority must be perceived and interpreted in light of the other two.



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September

*19—Dan Fischer
21—Bob Lowell
22—Jim Heathcote
22—Maria Weisenborn*

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH INFORMATION

The Diocese of Southern Ohio
St. Mary's Episcopal Church
234 N. High St Hillsboro, OH 45133
937-393-2043

The Rev. Terri Thornton
Supply Priest

SUNDAY WORSHIP - 10:00 am
IN PERSON & *delayed posting on Facebook*
COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND—
Sunday after service.

*We strive to be safe and make our parishioners and
guests feel safe and welcome!*

WEB SITE:

www.smehillsboro.weebly.com

Lector & Intercessor Schedule

1st wk Betty & Jim Heathcote
2nd wk Connie Reynolds & Dea Flinn
3rd wk Carol & John Joy
4th wk Rich Davis & Connie Reynolds
5th wk Connie Reynolds & Dea Flinn

Answer: Reverend Zebarny Thorne Phillips