



Lent  
40 days to grow in  
God's & our neighbour's love



## “El Pregonero” - “The Town Crier

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### Message from our Bishop +Michele

For many Christians, Lent is the most significant period in the Church year.

It's a concentrated period of some six weeks during which we have an opportunity (much like those who enroll in a "boot camp" gym program) to get ourselves into spiritual shape.

I often feel that talking about getting into spiritual shape in a country like Uruguay, where we have such a strong secular tradition, may be a bit of a lost cause. After all, the state not only ignores things religious, but it actually sets up other things on which people can focus. So, for example, rather than Christmas, we have "Dia de la Familia." And, of course, rather than Holy Week, we have "Semana de Turismo."

This "Semana de Turismo," is quite obviously, a week during which people are encouraged to travel, to visit new and different places, to experience novel and assorted things.

And, it occurs to me that you can do this without physically having to travel very far at all.

Let me invite you to experience a "Semana de Turismo" during which you have an opportunity to take part in an historical and metaphysical journey beyond description! You will have the opportunity to travel back, some 2,000 years, to the current land of Israel and Palestine. You will be able to participate in the re-enactment of events that took place then. Events that have made a lasting impact on humanity. Events that go beyond the merely human and natural and transport you into realms of the supernatural.

Interested?

Come and take part in the various liturgies of Holy Week at Holy Trinity Cathedral. Be part of the crowd which accompanied and welcomed Jesus as he rode into Jerusalem. Be present as we remember how he washed his disciples' feet and instituted the Lord's Supper. Take part in the solemn and somber liturgy which recalls his painful death for you and me. Participate in the joyful celebration of his rising back to life - a celebration which allows you and me to have hope, both for now and into the unknown future that lies ahead.

Of course, I'm inviting you to take part in the various services which mark Holy Week - a week during which we can travel inwardly and outwardly, a week during which we can travel physically and spiritually, a week that has implications for each of us!

+Michele



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Montevideo, 24th February, 2014

Dear All,

With a warm and fraternal Christian greeting: PEACE!

Among the many callings we have as Christians, one of these is to grow in our knowledge of the faith. We do this in many ways, including widening our knowledge of the Bible and other Christian teachings. At the diocesan level, we are fortunate to have the ITAU (Anglican Theological Institute of Uruguay). This small institute helps us prepare the future clergy of our Church, and can also help prepare the laity for many and varied ministries.

Recently, at a meeting of the Academic Council of the ITAU, given the need for further support from the Diocese, with your prayers and support, an idea was put forth - that during Lent we think about our candidates for Holy Orders, as well as their teachers.

At this present time, the ITAU has no assigned budget; however, it continues its activities with small subscription fees from those who attend its courses. Despite the aforementioned and continuing with this system, we deem as necessary, a more effective commitment on behalf of the Diocese, towards the training of its future ministers. Therefore, we wish to invite you to consider an offering during this Lenten Season.

The proposal is simple, it consists of each one of us giving up things which may be superfluous (such as ice cream, sweets or a movie), and whatever would go in to paying for these, we would place in a box at home throughout Lent.

When we celebrate Palm Sunday (13<sup>th</sup> April) each one of us would take what we have collected in a sealed envelope, addressed SEMINARY COLLECTION, as our offering. The envelopes will be collected by the parishes and placed in the offering again, during the Great Easter Vigil next April 19<sup>th</sup> at the Cathedral.

As soon as the offering is received, we will send you all figures of the amount received. At Diocesan Synod, we will render an account to the whole Church of how the funds have been used. May God richly bless you with your gifts!

Fraternally yours',

+ Dr. Michele Pollesel  
**Diocesan Bishop**  
**Rector and Academic President**

+ Gilberto Porcal  
**Suffragan Bishop**  
**Senior Chaplain**

Lic. Heber "Tito" Castaño +  
**Priest Chaplain**

SALE OF  
SECOND-HAND CLOTHES  
& CRAFTS  
Followed by TEA



Saturday,  
12th of April  
from 10:00 to 17:00 hs

Lafone Hall (Reconquista 522)

**ANGLICAN THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF URUGUAY ( ITAU )  
ACADEMIC CYCLE 2014  
( IN ACCORDANCE WITH Setek , BRAZIL )**

**COURSE BEGINS : SATURDAY APRIL 12 , at 14.00 hrs .**

**Location:** Hall of ITAU , Reconquista 522, first floor

**ACTIVITIES OF THE DAY :**

- 14.00 hrs. **Eucharist** ( Celebrant : Bishop Michele Pollesel )

- 14.30 hrs. **Church Administration** ( Course Guide : Rev. Enrique Illarze )  
*Criteria and recommendations for good stewardship of a parish or mission , as well as managing the resources of a diocesan church .*

- 16.30 hrs. **Ethics I ( History and Models )** - ( Course Guide : Rev. Leonardo Goyret )  
*A journey through the history of reflecting about human behavior and the most important normative models which have been proposed as a guidance , especially within the history of Christianity from its origins upto even date.*

In the second semester (from August 9 ) , this subject will be followed by :

- **Ethics II ( controversial issues )** - ( Course Guide : Rev. Susana López )  
*A consideration of the most debated ethical subjects in recent decades , especially within contemporary Christianity ethics.*

At the second meeting , on Saturday, May 3 , the same schedule will be followed, but instead of Church Administration, the following subject will be dictated:

- **Ecumenical and Interreligious Dialogue** ( Course Guide : Rev. Enrique Illarze )  
*An introduction to the major trends in contemporary Christianity and the great religions , and their possibilities of understanding for the sake of peace and the well-being of peoples from the most diverse cultures .*

**Requirements to participate in the courses:**

- **Age:** be at least 18 years of age.
- **Previous training :** 3rd. Year of Basic Secondary/High School , completed .
- **Recommendation :** A letter of recommendation from your pastoral overseer, within your parish or mission , and if you belong to a non- Anglican community , the letter of recommendation should come from whoever is responsible for your local congregation. This letter will be sent , by mail or by e- mail , to Bishop Michele Pollesel (**e- mail:** [iglesiaau@gmail.com](mailto:iglesiaau@gmail.com) ) .
- **Deadline for receipt of applications:** **Monday, April 7.**
- **Cost of each class** ( subject ) : \$ 70.00 ( seventy pesos ) . Thus, the cost for two classes every Saturday is: \$ 140.00 ( one hundred forty pesos).

**Invitation to**  
**Workshops within the Lafone Hall**  
**(Reconquista 522 – Ciudad Vieja)**  
**Every Tuesday and Thursday from 14:00 – 17:00 hs**  
**Sewing – Knitting & Crochet Workshops**

**WELCOME!**



For more  
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**THE ANGLICAN ALLIANCE BRINGS TOGETHER THOSE IN THE ANGLICAN FAMILY OF CHURCHES AND AGENCIES TO WORK FOR A WORLD FREE OF POVERTY AND INJUSTICE, TO BE A VOICE FOR THE VOICELESS, TO RECONCILE THOSE IN CONFLICT, AND TO SAFEGUARD THE EARTH.**

The Anglican Alliance's first ever full team meeting took place last week, with regional facilitators and the London-based secretariat sharing vision and securing plans to take regional priorities forward.

For the first time ever the full Anglican Alliance staff team met together in a strategic meeting last week. Regional facilitators from the Pacific, Asia, Africa and Latin America and the Caribbean came together with the London-based secretariat to share fellowship, review the development of the Alliance and plan together for the next three years. It was the first time some of them had met the new Alliance Co-Directors, Andy Bowerman and Rachel Carnegie.

Andy Bowerman said, "It was fantastic for the team to gather together from across the world. The retreat has given us valuable time to refresh ourselves together, reflect on where we have come from and renew our commitments and plans for the future.

"Together we remain committed to providing a space where the voice of the most marginalised can be heard and where issues of poverty & justice can be challenged."

The team spent three days on retreat hearing from each other about previous achievements and challenges and reviewing the progress on priorities for development, relief and advocacy. Priorities for each region were identified at the initial consultations in 2011, and the Alliance are continuing to draw from these to support the work of local churches and agencies in key areas.

Building on the foundations made in the last three years, the team worked together to discuss the strategic plan for the Anglican Alliance for its next three years of development. This document will be reviewed by the Alliance Advisory Council and signed off by the Alliance Board in upcoming meetings.

**\*\*Rachel Carnegie, Co-Director, said:** "It was very inspiring to be together with the whole team, hearing the stories of Anglican and Episcopal churches around the Communion as they respond to human need and work for justice. "Under Sally Keeble's leadership over the past three years, the vision of the Anglican Alliance has become a reality. We were able to reflect with thanks on all that has been achieved and to share and shape our vision for the path ahead. We look forward to the inputs of the Advisory Council and the Board."

Each staff member has reflected on the value of meeting as a team to discuss key achievements and challenges and take priorities forward.

**\*\*Michael Roy, Facilitator for Asia, said,** "It was good to meet everyone and have productive discussions. This kind of meeting was necessary particularly with new directors and to set the plan for the future."

**\*\*Paulo Ueti, Facilitator for Latin America and the Caribbean, said,** "It was good to be here and our meetings and conversations with all the team were very fruitful. It is great to be able to connect more and work more closely as a team."

**\*\*And June Nderitu, recently appointed as Facilitator for Africa, said,** "I was thrilled to meet all the team and I am grateful to God for the time we spent together."

Further details on the Anglican Alliance's future strategy and key priorities for each region will be shared following the full Board meeting in April.

<http://www.anglicanalliance.org/>



**We share some of the lovely photos of the inauguration of the CAIF Dajú Bilú Day-care Center - Montevideo which took place on 14th March**

**... More photos, follow below ....**

## Happy Children and Work-team!!



**We thank God for this new chapter ...**



## We pray for

- ✦ The Anglican Church of Uruguay and our mission to be God's instrument in the midst of our society; our clergy and their families and the workers at each Project and their families.
- ✦ For each person who draws near to a Parish / Mission / Project ... May we be open to welcome every one of them ...
- ✦ May this Season of Lent, be a time of reflection for each one of us.

### Pls Note:

If you send us the details of the Holy Week Celebrations in your Parish, we'll share them from our El Pregonero IAU email account.

Thanks!

Blessings

✓ We receive your news and you'll find us at:

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