

# The Font

Fostering connections within the Order of Saint Luke

January/February 2007



From the Provincial General's Desk  
(A guest editorial at the invitation of the Abbot)

*It is with pleasure that I have accepted our Abbot's invitation to write this message. By the time you read this, we will have passed through another season marking the nativity of our Lord. I pray that it was a peace-filled season and that you made time to ponder in your heart the blessings of God's gift.*

Dear OSL Siblings,

Rhythm. The very word has a pulse. Whether it be the simple beating of the heart or the complex combinations of a Ginger Baker drum solo, there is a rhythm to all of life. We mark the seasons of the year on the calendar and in our liturgies. The pace of the city is in contrast with the peace of the country. Our weekly patterns of worship and work, study and recreation, waking and sleeping all have a rhythm. When we pray the Daily Office, we join one another in keeping the cadence of the day.

Life has many wonderful rhythms, including our life together in the Order of Saint Luke. Each year in October we hold a meeting of the General Chapter while we are in retreat around the feast day of our patron saint. At our Council of the General Chapter meetings in May we project plans for the future and reflect on our Order's development. In between, the work of the Order proceeds. We do a lot of living in the rhythms of the "in between." We are always living in between God's creation of the universe and that ultimate time when God will bring it all to some divine culmination. We live in between Bethlehem and the new Jerusalem.

What keeps me going in these "in between" moments is prayer. Because we are "an order in diaspora," whenever I read a name in an e-mail message or see a name in print, that person is brought to mind and I offer a prayer. Even at a distance, we call on each other for prayer in times of crisis, transition, or disaster. When we have the privilege of gathering in community, we join our voices in the rhythm of our corporate prayers – sometimes musically, but often through the spoken word. (Dare we say the Lord's Prayer out of rhythm?) Often, I am moved by the depth of the prayers that arise when we are invited to verbalize our prayers.

One of my favorite verses in western hymnody comes from John Ellerton's sublime hymn "The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, Is Ended" (UMH #690; tune: St. Clement):

"As o'er each continent and island the dawn leads on another day,  
The voice of prayer is never silent, nor die the strains of praise away."

As this new year dawns, I urge you to keep praying. It is as vital to our life in the Order as each of our heartbeats are to the rhythm of life. I may not hear your prayers, but I feel their rhythm in my soul . . . and know that God hears.

In Christian love,  
Brother George, Provincial General

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From the Provincial General

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The summary of chapter reports, printed in *The Font* on a rotation basis, continues with this issue (updated as of October 2006). To provide the latest information (or corrections) about your chapter's events, you may directly submit an article to *The Font*. Reminder: If you are the contact person for your chapter or association, and you move to a new assignment or change your internet service provider, be sure to provide your Provincial General with updated contact information.

– Br. George R. Crisp, Provincial General  
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### Chapter News

Br. Dale Scritchfield, Prior, reports that the **Gatch Farms Table Chapter** at Asbury Seminary meets on Tuesday and Thursday mornings during the school term for “Greeting, Opening Prayer, Hymn, Sharing the Word through scripture reading and sermon, Communion, closing hymn and benediction.” Leadership of the chapter is Dale Scritchfield, Prior, and Dr. Lester Ruth, Faculty Advisor.

The **Dwight Vogel Chapter**, at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, meets for worship twice weekly and for lunch and business once a month. They host a Tuesday night Compline service following last evening class and a Wednesday morning Eucharist service before class.

We received word this fall, from Sr. Jo Hoover, that the **Iowa Chapter** no longer exists. In addition, Br. Philip P. Steele reports that the **Michigan (West) Chapter** is no longer meeting because “interest has waned.”

The **Northern Oasis Chapter**, according to Linda J. Harris, Prior, holds monthly meetings with devotions and discussions of needs within our Annual Conference, thoughts and prayers of sisters and brothers of Order (and others), support for one another, issues in our midst, etc.

The **St. Benedict Chapter**, at Candler School of Theology, meets bi-weekly during the school year. Lance Presley, Prior, reports that meetings have consisted of prayer services, worship, and discussions about accountability. Activities have included assisting other Candler student groups with planning worship services, and assisting with Candler's weekly Eucharist service.

Br. Jay Nesselroad, Prior, in a report made last spring, noted that the **United Theological Seminary Chapter** meets together two or three times a semester and plans and conducts worship for the seminary community once a semester. Recently one of our members has been gathering friends for the daily office on days classes are scheduled. Because of student turnover, the slate of officers is currently in flux.

Announcing the

**Joint Northern Illinois Conference Chapter Retreat  
and 33rd annual meeting of the John Wesley Theological Institute**

February 18-20, 2007 (Sunday through Tuesday)  
Aylesford Carmelite Center, Cass Avenue at I-55, in Darien

**The Whole Wesley on Truly Holistic Salvation**

The **Dr. Randy Maddox**, professor of Theology and Wesleyan Studies at Duke Divinity School, will lead the discussion. Respondent will be **Dr. D. Steven Long**, associate professor of Systematic Theology at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary.

Purpose of the institute is to present John Wesley's theology, suitably updated as he updated his sources as truly relevant for contemporary and ecumenical theology.

Registration deadline is Feb. 4. Cost to attend depends on whether commuter, student or resident status applies.

**CONTACT** For more information or to register: the Rev. Fernando Siaba, (773) 342-0178.

**OSL Constitution and By-Laws**

In the year 2000 the Constitution and By-Laws of the Order were extensively revised. This marked the end of a decade-long period in which amendments had been made with a fair degree of regularity, sometimes making it difficult to keep up with what was actually in force at any given time. While amendments may legally be considered at any time, with the adoption of the 2000 Constitution and By-Laws, we agreed informally that we would not seek to amend the documents until we had lived into them for some time.

During the recent meeting of the Council of the Order in October, 2006, it was determined that this might be a good time to re-open the discussion on these documents. Br. Abbot Mark asked me to undertake the responsibility of receiving suggestions from members and presenting a report to the Council meeting in May, 2007.

Consequently, on behalf of the Abbot and the Council I formally open the Constitution and By-Laws of the Order for suggestion and amendment. The documents can be found on the Order's web site using the following link: <http://tinyurl.com/y5pmh2> or on the Cyber Chapter documents site: <http://tinyurl.com/ybmbo3> . Note that clicking either link requires signing in with your user account(s).

Send your suggestions directly to me, at the following address: [fball@bright.net](mailto:fball@bright.net) . Please *do not* use the Cyber Chapter for this purpose. We do not want to engage in premature conversation around these issues. Thank you.

Blessings and peace,  
Br. Canon French  
[fball@bright.net](mailto:fball@bright.net)

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*From the Office of the Prior General*

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Brothers and Sisters:

Begin making your plans now to join us for the **2007 Retreat at the El Carmello Retreat Center in Redlands, California**. The dates are **15-18 October**, and the setting is a lovely facility on a hilltop amid orange groves.

The biggest reason for you to attend, however, is the topic "**Worship in the Emerging Church**" and the plan to have with us the **Rev. Karen Ward**, who is the pastor of an emerging church and a talented practitioner of liturgy in such a setting. We will learn and experience much with her leadership. Other voices that we expect to hear during our time together are **Br. Dan Benedict** and **Br Taylor Burton-Edwards**.

Adding that to our fellowship and the rich experience of worship that we always receive as a blessing, and retreat is an experience that will feed your soul and life of discipleship all year long. Please don't miss it if you can possibly be with us.

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*From the Officer for Pastoral Care*

Br. Tom Beveridge, O.S.L. [ta891josl@aol.com](mailto:ta891josl@aol.com)

Brothers and Sisters:

You'll be reading this in January, but as I write we are in the middle of Advent. A pastor I know once called Advent "the Season of the already and the not yet." That seems to me to be a wonderful thumbnail description of life. We encounter many transitions along the way. And every one of them includes "liminality," that is, the experience of knowing that we have left something behind but not arrived yet where we are going. By its very nature, liminality can be very unsettling.

As you can see from the News below, in our dispersed community we are experiencing birth and death, serious illness and creative ministry. Sometimes, these experiences are intermingled in ways that remind us of the Holy Mystery that is our faith. Always, they remind us to hold one another in prayer.

I was reminded of all this again at our October retreat. Some of us are moving into ordination. Others who have been in ordained ministry are so no longer; therefore are facing in a new way the question of what it means to live into our Rule of Life and Service. Some are in transition between denominations. Some are moving into retirement. And the mix of all these experiences enriched our time together.

Meanwhile, it appears to me that our Order, itself, is in transition. Our older leadership is becoming, well, older! I've reached the age where I go to these retreats and am startled to find that I am becoming part of that older group. But, meanwhile, with new folk joining us in greater numbers, new leadership is emerging – younger, cyber-savvy, ecumenical, probing deep into the treasures of tradition, serious about what has been called Emerging Church. I, for one, find that all that energy and excitement gives me hope. But this is not to deny that liminality – for communities as for individuals – can be unsettling.

So, wherever you are in your journey between the "already and the not yet," may God bless you in this New Year.

Some news of our community follows. As always, do be in touch with me if you have news you wish to share or if you desire pastoral contact with me. Contact me at [ta891josl@aol.com](mailto:ta891josl@aol.com)

Call me at (860) 243-3388. Or write me at PO Box 891, Bloomfield, CT 06002-0891. For the sake of accuracy and to protect confidentiality, items are read and OK'd for publication by each brother or sister concerned.

Peace,  
Tom Beveridge, Officer for Pastoral Care.

### **News:**

**Correction:** **Br. Edwin Pun's** mission is on the island of Peng Chau – small island in Hong Kong, not the Philippines as previously stated. He continues to covet our prayers for his ministry. Also, there was a typo in Br. Edwin's e-mail address; correct address is: [pun.edwinp@gmail.com](mailto:pun.edwinp@gmail.com)

**Br. Chris Rodkey** and his wife Traci are happy to announce that they welcomed their baby boy Christian Jude, born on October 11, 2006. [cdrodkey@yahoo.com](mailto:cdrodkey@yahoo.com)

**Br. George Crisp** is doing well after a bit of a scare during our October retreat. He reports that a visit with his regular doctor when he returned home confirmed that he was just over-tired when he arrived in Greensburg and did not listen as well to his body as he might have. He is OK and will have another visit with his doctor in January. Also: Br. George's wife Sue received ER care (in CA) the same night he was in the ER in Greensburg. Likewise, she is doing well – fully recovered. [revgrc@prodigy.net](mailto:revgrc@prodigy.net)

**Br. Ron Freyer-Nicholas** and his wife **Sr. Inga** have had a very rough time of it most of this year. Inga is in third-stage Lyme Disease with many complications along the way – until Thanksgiving morning when Ron could not wake her. Not only that, another ambulance bearing Ron's aunt arrived at the hospital simultaneously with the one bringing Inga there. They give thanks for a very supportive congregation of people who have stepped up to the plate with prayer and all sorts of help with the practicalities. As of Dec. 11th: Both Inga and Ron's aunt are home and feeling better. Inga is receiving good support from a home health aide. Ron describes their congregation as "phenomenal." They are delighted with a surprise gift from the congregation in which important work is to be done on the floors in their house -- with comfortable accommodations nearby while work is in progress. They are eagerly anticipating Christmas with their congregation. Hopefully, Inga will be strong enough to serve as the liturgist on Christmas Eve. They are very grateful for our prayers. [ron@freyer-nicholas.net](mailto:ron@freyer-nicholas.net)

**Br. John Hope** has met the challenge of radiation and chemotherapy with grace and kept active in spite of all that, publishing two books: *The Psalter According to Modern Idiom* and *Freemason as Influenced By the Bible*. Both can be purchased at Amazon.com. And stay tuned; he has a third book in the works! At last word, he was in a six-week rest period from treatment. Around the time you read this, further tests will be done to determine the progress or lack thereof on his cancer. He asks our continued prayers. [drjohnsr@comcast.net](mailto:drjohnsr@comcast.net)

**Sr. Kathy Haley** has been beset by a host of health problems together with the severe economic distress that can come with that. Her only source of income or health care is what she receives from the VA as a disabled veteran. She writes that all of this is causing her a great deal of anxiety and that she is most urgently in need of our prayers. [silverwolf13@comcast.net](mailto:silverwolf13@comcast.net)

**Sr. Susan Barnes** underwent a double mastectomy for breast cancer on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Biopsy results revealed lymph node involvement and as of this writing further tests and chemotherapy are planned. She is feeling stronger but dreading the process of chemotherapy and faced with many questions, among them whether she will have to leave her pastorate for a 6 month medical leave. She gives thanks for our prayers and asks that we continue in prayer for her. [sistersusan425@yahoo.com](mailto:sistersusan425@yahoo.com)

**Br. Brent Sturm** and his congregation at Emmanuel UMC in White Sulphur Springs, WV have been recognized for their work in mentoring high school students. On December 6<sup>th</sup>, Br. Brent traveled to

Washington, DC to receive the Jobs for America's Graduate National Network Leadership Award. Also that same week Sheila L. Tate, one of the Career Coaches at Emmanuel Church's "Greenbrier Career Development" program, was honored to serve as a facilitator for the National Student Leadership Conference. Sheila, Br. Brent's wife Meridith and two outstanding students traveled with him to Washington for these momentous occasions.

Br. Brent writes of his pride in Sheila and her work, and in his congregation: "Emmanuel's mentoring program serves some 1,600 high school students every school day. How many churches do you know of whose youth workers have offices in the local High Schools? And how many congregations of 275 members can say they serve 1,600 teens everyday? The National Network Leadership Award will have my name on it, but it is really about the ministry of a vital congregation of faithful disciples called Emmanuel. For over 193 years these folks have proclaimed God's grace and freedom to a world in need of God's grace. There are many vital programs at Emmanuel, but this week we celebrate Greenbrier Career Development - mentoring for at-risk teens seeking a high school diploma." [wbsosl@verizon.net](mailto:wbsosl@verizon.net)

**Br. Adam DeBaugh** runs Chi Rho Press, a publishing house serving the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered community, providing books and other resources to nourish the spiritual and religious aspects of our lives. Check it out at [www.chirhopress.com](http://www.chirhopress.com) Also see: <http://chirhopress.blogspot.com>

**Br. Doug Morrison-Cleary** returned at the beginning of December from a three-week visit with his family in Australia. He was ordained a priest in The Diocese of Minnesota in The Episcopal Church on December 21<sup>st</sup> and is continuing to pastor the Church of the Good Shepherd in Keewatin, MN. [pastor@goodshepherd.hildormen.net](mailto:pastor@goodshepherd.hildormen.net)

**Br. Norman Smith**, a faith-full member of our Order and passionate worker for social justice, died on November 4, 2006 after a valiant fight with cancer. He was a member of the New Jersey Chapter. A memorial service was held on November 18<sup>th</sup> at First UMC, Tom's River, N.J. with many members of the Order in leadership and attendance along with a large number of family, conference clergy and friends. Please pray for Br. Norman's wife Gloria and their family. She may be addressed at: 274 Honeysuckle Ct., Tom's River, NJ 08753-1320

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***From Sister Heather Josselyn***

Heather Josselyn [hjosselyn@hotmail.com](mailto:hjosselyn@hotmail.com)

I am trying to update the Contributor's page of "For All the Saints," and there are a few folks who have been difficult to find. I would appreciate any information on the following:

- Amanda Berry Wylie (from New Jersey? in New Jersey?)
- Steven K. Doyal (studied at Candler...)
- Ila A. Fischer (wife to Neal who worked at Garrett (?); are they living in Vermont now?)
- Grant S. Sperry-White (has taught at Saint Paul in Kansas City)
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You can reply to Sr. Heather at the above email address.

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**AN INVITATION TO SACRAMENTAL LIFE REFLECTION AND DISCIPLINE**

Sr. Sarah Flynn

As I write this we are at the end of the Election week. Whether or not you were satisfied with the outcome in your State or the Federal election returns, I think you will agree with me that it is a relief to have it over. Not just the ads. If you were at all politically involved, and went to rallies, donated, discussed, debated..... then you know very well what I mean about welcome relief.

I am writing this brief (I hope it is brief anyway) article to invite you to consider a more balanced way of life. I myself hope to find a way to have more stability and centeredness amid the flood tides of activity and noise and distractedness and exhaustion from trying to do too much. And there is so much to do, needs doing, or things want to do. As a retiree I realize now what protection my daily work schedule afforded me from the drive, drag and drift of modern life. My work was a big ball and chain that provided stability and definition to my life. Now that I am free of it, however, there are times I don't know what day of the week it is. This is both wonderfully freeing, and at the same time disorienting. One has to build a new structure for one's life and set some limits to all the possibilities, demands and claims on your time, your energy, your life.

I suspect that I am not alone in this situation. A number of you are my contemporaries. In addition to the clamor of the outside world, we find ourselves with an increasing sense of the shortness of time, and the lessening of our energies and resources, so again, the need is one of finding a sense of balance, stability and discipline and not yield to the temptation to try to cram in too much, or its opposite, to fold up and do nothing.

If you are still with me on this, I am writing to suggest that you explore with me what might be called a supplemental to the Rule of Life and Service borrowed from The Order of the Holy Cross, an Anglican Benedictine monastery which has an Associate Rule of Life which I found to be quite compatible to our own Wesleyan heritage and to the Order of Saint Luke. The OHC Associate Rule affords us a way to provide more guidance to living the Sacramental Life. At present, the only explicit component to that part of the OSL Rule is the daily office. Yet, we know from John Wesley's Rule for the United Societies that there is more involved than that, and Wesley, ever the pastoral theologian, left little doubt as to what he meant, spelling out in detail what avoiding evil, doing good and using all the means of grace meant in practical terms. He also knew that those details would change with new circumstances, but that it is essential that we get down to the specifics of how our life is lived if there is to be an ongoing process of conversion of life.

I am mindful of course of the dangers of hypocrisy, self righteousness and hairsplitting that is inherent in any spiritual discipline. On the flip side, of course, are the opposite dangers of self satisfied pride, self indulgence and willful ignorance of how we are living our lives. Yet Wesley persisted, and so have the monks and nuns of various religious communities throughout the ages in following a Rule of Life that included both inspiring spiritual guidance and specific instruction. A Rule of life, like the Sabbath, is made for us humans to grow spiritually and should always be open to revision to reach that purpose. While flexibility is important we all know that rules are needed in every serious endeavor of life. What we hope for is that by following the rules of gardening, for example, we will have flowers in the Springtime and fresh vegetables in the summer, and not just a perfect score card for Gardening 101. Knowing that you are mature about such things and don't need further encouragement from me, I invite you to check out the Order of the Holy Cross Associate Rule at <http://www.holycrossmonastery.com/AHC/AHC-WP.htm>. Make note the values and principles involved. These provide the context for what follows. Then scroll down to the Disciplines and Spiritual Tools that are provided. Using these categories, the Associate is asked to adapt them to their day to day living and make use of a spiritual friend or mentor to help assess how realistic or effective the applications may be.

That is what I am trying to do for myself. It is a big job developing a spiritual discipline that treats my own life and what's left of it as a stewardship entrusted to me by God, and I could use some help. If you are drawn to this kind of spiritual discipline as a means of centering your life and becoming more open to the changes God may be calling you to make, then please get in touch with me at [revsarahflynn@yahoo.com](mailto:revsarahflynn@yahoo.com).

Peace and blessing to you all, Sarah Flynn OSL



## Ordo for the Order of Saint Luke

### JANUARY

M	1	<b>The Holy Name W</b>
T	2	W/G*
W	3	Gilbert Haven W/G*
T	4	John Seybert W/G*
F	5	W/G*
		<b>Eve of Epiphany W</b> <b>(traditional)</b>
<b>S</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>The Epiphany W (traditional)</b> <b>G*</b> <b>Eve of Baptism of the Lord W</b>
<b>S</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Baptism of the Lord W</b>
M	8	Richard Watson G
T	9	G
<b>W</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>G</b>
T	11	G
F	12	G
S	13	George Fox G
<b>S</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany G</b>
M	15	Martin Luther King Jr. (alt) G
T	16	Hiram Rhoades Revels G
W	17	Antony of Egypt G
<b>T</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>The Confession of Peter W</b>
F	19	Pseudo – Macarius of Egypt John Ernest Rattenbury G
S	20	G
<b>S</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany G</b>
M	22	G
T	23	Sarah Ann Dickey G
W	24	Eli Stanley Jones G
<b>T</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>The Conversion of Paul W</b>
F	26	Timothy and Titus G
S	27	John Chrysostom G
<b>S</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany G</b>
M	29	G
T	30	G
W	31	John Raleigh Mott G

\* Some traditions continue to use white until The Baptism of The Lord

### FEBRUARY

T	1	G
<b>F</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>The Presentation W</b>
S	3	G
<b>S</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany G</b>
M	5	Philipp Jakob Spener G
<b>T</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>G</b>
W	7	G
T	8	G
F	9	G
S	10	G
<b>S</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany G</b>
M	12	G
T	13	Absalom Jones G
W	14	G
T	15	G
F	16	G
S	17	Frances Elizabeth Willard G <b>Eve of Transfiguration W</b>
S	18	Transfiguration of the Lord W
M	19	G
T	20	Frederick Douglass G
W	21	Ash Wednesday P
T	22	Kanichi Miyama P
F	23	Polycarp P
<b>S</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>Matthias R, P-PM</b>
<b>S</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent P</b>
M	26	P
T	27	George Herbert P
W	28	P

Please note the following:

- All Sundays, Solemnities and Feasts are in **bold** type and followed by the proper liturgical color for the day or part of the day.
- Commemorations are noted but the seasonal color is kept. Those who wish to solemnize a particular commemoration should use Red for martyrs and Holy Cross Day and White for all others.
- The color code is: W- White, R- Red, B- Blue, P- Purple, G- Green. Gold may be substituted for White.

*ORDO prepared by Br. John P. Fahey, Prior  
New York Conference Chapter*



[Br. Bill Doser, who faithfully keeps in touch with our life members, shared the following story with me concerning our brother, Charles Wiggins. We thought you might all enjoy reading it: I believe that the original article was written in 1999.  
Sr. Sue Moore, Editor]

**Commentary: Clergy collar serves as around-the-clock calling card**  
***A UMNS Commentary By The Rev. Charles Wiggins\****

While I was a seminary student at Boston University, several of my professors -- the ones I most respected and admired -- wore clerical collars all the time. I was serving a church while in school, and both my bishop, Herbert Skeete, and my district superintendent, the Rev. Kwan Lee, also wore clerical collars all the time.

I noticed that wherever these men and women went, their obvious clerical calling affected both language and behavior of those around them. It should come as no surprise then, that on Sundays at least, I also wore a clerical collar. It rapidly became apparent that when I wore clerical clothes, not only did it change the language and behavior of those I was around, but it also changed mine.

When I was ordained a deacon in 1990, I began to wear clerical clothes all the time. Coming as I did from a rather sordid and sinful past, I discovered that wearing my calling in such obvious fashion forced my own accountability to my new life choice -- something I needed then and continue to need now. My old habits, which included things like cursing at referees, were decidedly repressed by the example I was forced to set.

There were and are pragmatic reasons as well. For example, it is much easier to get into a hospital intensive care unit without being challenged, and it is not necessary for me to dress in the latest styles, which in itself is a financial boon.

Since my deacon's ordination nine years ago, I have never been in public except in clerical clothes. This has made me the object of both curiosity and ridicule by strangers and colleagues alike. Some have misinterpreted my choice of dress as conceit or a holier-than-thou attitude. I have been called pompous and worse. In reality, the collar and cross remind me constantly of whom I serve and keep me humble and accountable at all times.

If I ever had any real doubts about dressing the way I do, they were dispelled forever one spring day in Charlotte, N.C. I was in town to perform a wedding for my best friend, and as I was leaving my room at the hotel the day before the wedding, I smiled and spoke to two maids who were in the hall as I passed by. When I returned to my room after lunch, I found the following note on the night stand (and I offer it exactly as it was written):

"Good morning again. My name is \_\_\_\_ you're housekeeper. If I may take a minute of you're time, I need you're advice and blessing. I'm having my first child and haven't been to church in a while cause of work. And I've sinned since this pregnancy by drinking. Just sometimes I slips. Is their some kind of blessing or scriptures you could share with me to clean my sinns and have an healthy baby and life. If you come to an suggestion, I'm on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd floors all day. Thank you, \_\_\_\_."

I searched until I found her, and sitting beside a vacuum cleaner on an unmade bed, we read Scriptures and prayed together. I don't know what ultimately happened to her and her baby, but I know that I was blessed just by being there for her. She would never have left the note if I had been wearing a suit and tie.

If only for her and those like her, I will always wear a collar and cross.

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Grace and Peace,

Sr. Sue Moore

Deadline for submissions for the March/April issue of <i>The Font</i> is February 17, 2006.
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