



E-SPIRIT

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Bishop Barry and Mary Howe's retirement event



The celebration of Bishop Barry and Mary Howe's service to the diocese is planned for Sunday, Feb. 13, at Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral. The Howes will receive guests in Founders' Hall from 3 to 4:45 p.m. with a Solemn Evensong to follow at 5 p.m.

The Howes would like their retirement gift to be the establishment of a diocesan fund to support the Day Care Center for Orphaned and Abandoned Children in Palapye, Botswana. If you have not yet sent a contribution through your congregation, you may send a check to the diocesan office (P.O. Box 413227, Kansas City, MO 64141-3227), marking it as Bishop Howe's gift.

Ordination of Bishop-elect Martin Field



Bishop-elect Martin Field will be ordained and consecrated as VIII Bishop of West Missouri at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 5 at the Muehlebach Hotel in Kansas City. A reception will follow.

Field's welcoming and seating at Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral will begin 10:15 a.m. Sunday, March 6.

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Celebration of Absalom Jones



A celebration of Absalom Jones, the first African-American Episcopal priest, will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, at St. Paul's in Kansas City. Born a slave in Sussex County, Del., in 1746, Jones co-founded the Free African Society, an organization devoted to helping widows and orphans and assimilating newly freed black men into urban life. Jones organized the black community to serve as nurses and attendants during Philadelphia's yellow fever epidemic. Later, the Free African Society formed a congregation that applied for membership in the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania. It was admitted in 1794 as the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas, and Jones served there as deacon and priest.

Happening #63

Happening #63 - scheduled 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27 at Christ Church in Springfield - is about your walk with the Lord and its relevance to every day of our life. It is a Christian experience presented by teenagers for teenagers. All youth between grades 9 and 12 are welcome. Participant fee is \$50, and staff fee is \$25.

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