



Clergy News

Fr. Fred Lindstrom recognized as a Master Chaplain at the International Conference of Police Chaplains

Submitted by St. Thomas Episcopal Church
Greenville, AL

LOUISVILLE, KY — At the Annual Conference in Louisville, Kentucky this past fall, Fr. Fred Lindstrom was recognized as a Master Chaplain. The certificate reads: “On the recommendation of the Credentials Committee, and the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors hereby recognizes that Chaplain Fred Lindstrom on completion of required professional studies, tenure of service, evidence of significant contribution to Law Enforcement Chaplaincy, and satisfactory interview by a group of peers, has attained training consistent with that of Master Level.”

Fr. Lindstrom began his service as a police chaplain after resigning from the Atlanta Police Department to return to full time ministry in the Episcopal Church. Monsignor Don Kiernan, a Roman Catholic priest and Chaplain to the Georgia State Patrol, asked Fr.

Lindstrom to help form a chaplains program for the Atlanta Police. Fr. Fred, as he is known in Greenville and Butler County, jokes that he was a paid Detective Sergeant with the APD, but-



The Rev. Fred Lindstrom

skipped Lieutenant to become an unpaid Captain as a chaplain. He later served as Chaplain with the rank of honorary Major for the Meridian, Mississippi Police, the Lauderdale County (Mississippi) Sheriff, and the area Post for the

Mississippi State Troopers. He was appointed chaplain to the Butler County Sheriff's Office by Sheriff Diane Harris and Chaplain to the Greenville Police Department by Chief Lonzo Ingram. He currently serves as Chaplain to the Greenville Police Department and South Central Lodge 39 of the Fraternal Order of Police.

Ft. Fred Lindstrom has announced his retirement as rector of St. Thomas, Greenville, after serving for over twelve years. A Choral Evensong was presented in his honor on November 4, 2009. Choirmaster Charles Kennedy assembled the finest area voices and musicians for a splendid eclectic combination of classical, folk and contemporary music. St. Thomas has offered several Choral Evensongs and Fr. Lindstrom requested at least one more evensong be presented before he leaves St. Thomas.

CLERGY NEWS - Congratulations, but farewell, to The Rev. David Powell (St. John's, Pensacola) and The Rev. Betsy Powell (St. Augustine, Navarre) who have been called to be Rector and Assistant Rector, respectively, to St. Paul's, Selma, Alabama, effective January 1, 2010.

Congratulations to The Rev. Milledge Baker who has been named Priest at St. Monica's, Cantonment.

Welcome back to The Rev. Mark McDonald (most recently in the Diocese of Western Louisiana) who is going to be a Priest Associate at St. Paul's, Daphne.

STAFF NEWS - Welcome to Vanessa Riutta, who has been appointed part-time Diocesan Coordinator for Youth and Young Adult Ministries, effective October 15 th. She can be contacted at the Diocesan office, (850) 434-7337.

Congratulations to Mary and David Poss, on the birth of their second granddaughter, Lilly Wells, born to Courtney and Thomas Wells on December 4th. Baby Lilly and Courtney are doing well. Of course, the grandparents are ecstatic!