

# The Forward

## *Diocesan Convention 2010: Honoring Our Past, Imagining Our Future*

Diocesan Convention will be held November 4-6, 2010, in Erie, PA. This year will be a little different than most because 2010 marks the diocese's 100th year of ministry and, to honor that, there will be some additional events and components to the weekend.

Convention has a theme this year, which we have not had before. Our centennial theme will be "Honoring Our Past, Imagining Our Future." The diocese has a lot to be proud of from its first 100 years of ministry, but we also have a bright future ahead of us. The theme signifies that and will be central to the events of convention.

We will kick off the convention weekend with Evensong on Thursday at 5:30 PM at the Cathedral of St. Paul. The business of convention will begin at 9:00 AM on Friday, following registration at 8:00 AM, at the Bayfront Convention Center.

Please note that this is earlier than most years, as we have a lot to fit into the weekend! Convention will recess at 4:30 so everyone can prepare for the evening's celebration.

Friday night will be a banquet and dance in honor of the centennial. Most years, only those who are attending convention go to the dinner, but we want that to be different this year. We would like everyone to feel welcome to attend the banquet. Everyone played a part in the diocese's first hundred years and everyone will play a part in the next hundred years, and we would like the celebration to reflect that. More information, including ticket prices, will be published in the coming months.

Saturday morning will be the convention Eucharist at 9:00 AM at the Cathedral. It was scheduled so people who attend the banquet the night before can spend the night and attend Eucharist the next morning. We plan on ending convention with the Eucharist; however, if business was not completed on Friday, there will be an additional business session scheduled in the afternoon. We do not plan on needing this session, but we have planned for it in case it is necessary, and clergy and delegates need to be aware that is a possibility.

There are lots more exciting plans in the works. 100 years of ministry is something to be proud of and we hope everyone will make plans to take part in the celebration!



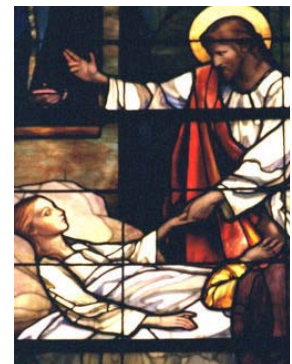
### *Healing Services*

Two healing services have been scheduled for the month of April.

The first will be held at St. John's, Sharon, on Sunday, April 18th at 7:00 PM.

The second will be held at Holy Spirit, Erie, on Sunday, April 25th at 7:00 PM.

Both services, which are open to everyone, will be led by Bishop Sean and will include the opportunity for laying on of hands and anointing for healing.



### *Diocesan Church Center Closed*

The Diocesan Church Center will be closed on April 2nd and 5th for the Easter Holiday.

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**If you have news, story ideas, or pictures that you would like to share with the diocese, please contact Vanessa at the Diocesan Church Center at 814-456-4203 or at [vbutler@dionwpa.org](mailto:vbutler@dionwpa.org).**