



# Ascension Alliance

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## Newsletter

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### Nominations

Nominations for Presiding Bishop and the General Assembly Representative to the Board of Governors will end on June 24, 2012. However, we already have two nominations for Presiding Bishop and five for General Assembly Representative.

So far, Bishop Patsy Grubbs and Bishop Bernie Finch have each been nominated for the position of Presiding Bishop.

Father Tom Gallub, Mother Sandy Olson, Mother Loreto Mendez-Ahlers, Mother Deirdre Brousseau, and Deacon Don Knight have been nominated to serve as the General Assembly Representative to the Board of Governors.

Bishop Patsy is currently serving a two-year term on the Board of Governors and is our Coordinator of Clergy Care. She also holds a charter for the Chapel of Angel Presence in Portland, Oregon. Bishop Bernie is a founder and a permanent member of the Board of Governors. He holds a charter for the Community of the Celtic Cross in Pepin, Wisconsin.

Father Tom Gallub is a founder and the charter holder for the Gentle Shepherd Church in Richmond, Virginia. He headed up coordination of Convocation 2011. Mother Sandy Olson is currently serving a two-year term on the Board of Governors and lives in San Francisco, California. Mother Loreto Mendez-Ahlers lives in rural Arizona, where she built a chapel dedicated to the Archangel San Rafael. Mother Deirdre Brousseau, a longtime priest, lives in Littleton, New Hampshire. Deacon Don Knight is also a member of the Gentle Shepherd Community. He is nearing ordination to the priesthood.

Nominations for Presiding Bishop must be received by June 24, 2012. The bishops will forward two names to the General Assembly for a final vote by July 24, 2012.

### Cathy Chalmers Ordained



It is with great joy that we announce that Cathy Chalmers was ordained to the Catholic apostolic priesthood by Bishop Tom David Siebert on February 18, 2012. She was joined by many friends, family, and the greater Alliance community, in Nashville, TN, for the happy event.

As many of you know, Mother Cathy earned her Master of Divinity degrees from Vanderbilt Divinity School and Ascension Theological College last year. She is currently serving as a hospice chaplain in Nashville.

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## Keizer Ordains Owen Couch

We are very pleased to congratulate Father Owen Couch, who was ordained to the Catholic apostolic priesthood on Saturday, March 31st by Bishop Lewis Keizer of the Home Temple organization.

While Father Owen is not incardinated with our organization, we count him as a member of the family. He joined the Alliance about a year ago as an "enrolled member" and was with us at Seabeck for Convocation 2011. As Father Ted Feldmann put it, who can forget the picture of him in motorcycle leather and a Roman collar.

Bishop Keizer was originally ordained a Deacon in the Episcopal Church but left that Church to pursue esoteric studies under Archbishop Herman Adrian Spruit, who consecrated him a bishop in 1976.

Keizer, author of *Wandering Bishops*, has an interesting history as a sojourner with Patriarch Herman and Matriarch Meri. Keizer holds a doctorate from the Graduate Theological Union at Berkeley and continues to be a prolific writer about things esoteric.

## About the Ascension Alliance

### One small branch of the Mystical Body

- A "Free Catholic" and "Emerging" Church. We are born of a free Catholic vision, in the tradition of a fledgling Independent Catholic movement, inspired by the intuitions of the Emerging Church, and following in the example of Jewish Renewal. We require rigorous preparation for ordained ministry but encourage maximum self-determination and a creative response to the needs of today's world. Our bishops and priests trace their apostolic succession as far back as that of even the most ancient of Catholic and Orthodox communions.

- We are about fellowship, the spiritual path, and love. Honoring the legacy of Archbishop Herman Adrian Spruit, we strive to be a fellowship of spiritual pilgrims. Without imposing dogma, we give ourselves and others the freedom and encouragement we need to live the truth and become ever more renewed and transformed. For us, Christ's ministry is the law of love and truth. Saint Augustine may have said it best, "Love and do as you will."

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