



Ascension Alliance

SPIRITUALITY IS A RENEWABLE RESOURCE

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Community of Ascensionists

When new ID cards go out on June 15, members will notice something new. The mast head of the ID cards will read, "Community of Ascensionists," with the tag line underneath saying, "An ecumenical part of the Mystical Body of Christ, One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church."

The name of the organization—Ascension Alliance—has not changed. What did change is a line in our official by-laws, passed by the Board of Governors, which says, "Ordained clergy, commissioned ministers, and enrolled members shall be considered members of a "Community of Ascensionists," an ecumenical part of the Mystical Body ..."

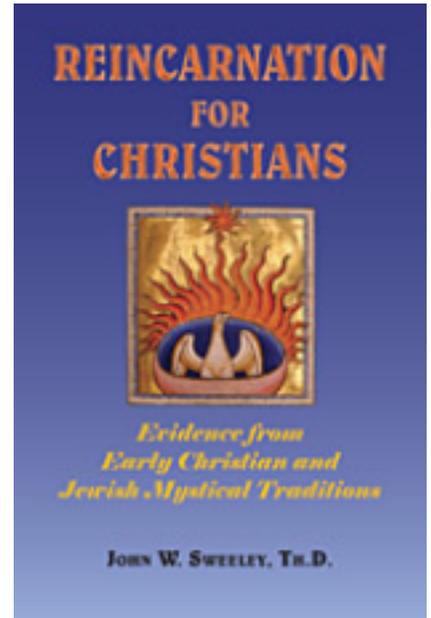
This small change in our by-laws reflects a big shift in consciousness, recognizing what has already become a reality. We are a community of people dedicated to the spiritual life, aspiring to ascend in consciousness, and to helping others do the same.

An interesting characteristic of Independent Catholic jurisdictions is that many of them are like us in that regular, vowed, members are mostly clergy, who serve the people of God in parishes and creative ministries. This is similar to how religious "institutes" (orders and religious congregations) in the Roman church work.

Register Now For Convocation 2013

Many of you have already booked your flights and reserved your rooms for the 2013 convocation in Richmond, August 23-26.

Even if you've reserved your room with the hotel, you still need to register with Church Central. Registration forms are going out with this mailing.



Ascensionist Priest Publishes New Book

Ascensionist Monsignor John W. Sweeley, a senior priest and resident theologian, has released his new book on reincarnation.

Monsignor Sweeley provides a lucid exploration of early Christian and Jewish mystical sources about reincarnation in the Christian tradition. It includes fascinating information about the suppression of this material by mainline churches. You may order your copy online at www.amazon.com.

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Leaders Concelebrate Chrism



Pictured are founder, Bishop Alan Kemp, and current Presiding Bishop, Patsy Grubbs, after they concelebrate the Chrism mass on Holy Thursday, March 28, 2013, Hermitage on Key Peninsula.

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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