



## A Message from the President

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*Email Communiqué*

**Society of King Charles the Martyr  
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*SS. John & Paul, Martyrs*

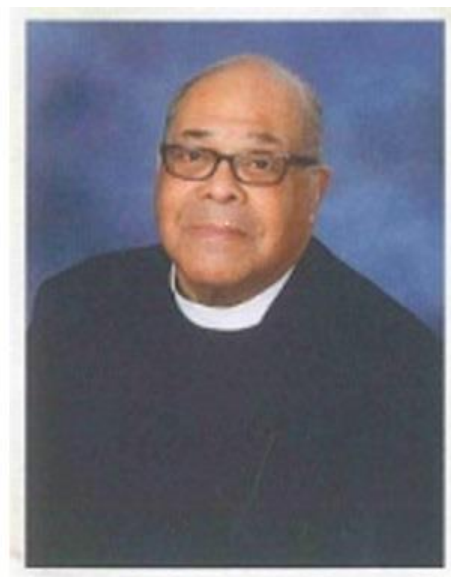
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Dear Friends in the Cause of King Charles the Martyr:

*The Lord is glorious in all His Saints; O come, let us adore Him.*

I just received notice of the entrance today into the Church Expectant of The Rev'd Richard Cornish Martin, D.Min., SSC, OL at the age of 78 following a long illness. We know him as a major supporter of all of the devotional societies, having served not only as a SKCM member and Annual Mass celebrant and preacher but also as a Guild of All Souls governing board member and for many years the Regional Superior of the Society of Mary. Four of my SKCM Board colleagues remember him as their rector at St Paul's K Street and Advent Boston, with two of them having served with him as Senior Warden at St Paul's. More will be said about him and his contributions to Christ's Church in an obituary in the December *SKCM News*, but I wanted to convey this news to you without delay. His funeral Mass will be on Saturday 11 July at 11:30 am at St Paul's K Street, Washington DC.



*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.*

The Board of Trustees of the Society of King Charles the Martyr, Inc. (the SKCM American Region) recently met and reports the following actions of interest:

- ✓ **Board liaisons to new members.** Last month, we said that we were on the verge of implementing a plan whereby each new member will have one of the trustees as his or her personal liaison for their first two years of membership. The working list of liaison assignments was distributed at our meeting, so if you are one of the nearly five dozen new members this year you should expect to receive an email soon in addition to your earlier welcomes from the Secretary-Treasurer and the Chief Information Officer.
- ✓ **Membership distribution.** Of our 377 current members, only 30% belong to churches where there are two or more members, meaning that 70% of us are truly members-at-large. An outgrowth of this report was a plan to look at the 31 churches with two or more members to see where new chapters might be formed or former chapters revitalized.
- ✓ **Annual Masses.** We pulled together and put into writing existing understandings regarding the relative responsibilities of host venues and the Society itself. Also, we will now be announcing Annual Mass venues no more than two years in advance, continuing our recent pattern of holding the Annual Mass in an ACNA or other Anglican church every fourth year, plus retaining our ongoing

policy regarding liturgical and personnel standards. As we do at every Board meeting, we reviewed preparations for upcoming Annual Masses & Luncheons.

- ✓ **Canadian Membership Development.** The Board received an update on membership development activities in Canada, led by a project team of several members there. Among other things, we have already welcomed five new Society members from Canada during the current year, bringing our total number of Canadian members up to 17, approximately 5% of our membership.
- ✓ **Budget for 2015-2016.** We adopted a balanced budget of \$10,725 for the fiscal year that begins on 1 October 2015, an amount similar to that of recent years.

**W**e have a date correction to the 29 May *Communique*: the observance of the Nativity of S. Charles is 19 November rather than 7 December. Our apologies for substituting the latter date, which was a transmittal or similar date from our original source rather than the real thing.

Finally, Society members are invited to submit nominations for Board of Trustees consideration as members of the **Order of Blessed William Laud, Abp. & Martyr**. In accordance with Board policy, the members of the Order are elected “in recognition of contributions rising to a certain level, or higher, of significance as to impact and benefit to the Society by members and supporters who are not members ... Election to membership in the Order of Laud shall be considered equivalent to the designation of Benefactor status with regard to impact and benefit to the Society.” Such nominations, giving background on the candidate and stating why he or she should be honored, should be sent by 2 November 2015 to The Rev’d Canon James G. Monroe, Ph.D., SSC, Awards Chairman, at jimmon39@gmail.com or 4310 Meadow Forest Lane, Kingwood TX 77345-3007 USA, for consideration during the current awards cycle.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at [skcm@skcm-usa.org](mailto:skcm@skcm-usa.org) should you have any questions, ideas or concerns.

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