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FROM FATHER PHILIP*

On Saturday, April 24th, 2010, **The Rev. Dr. Michael Louis Vono** was elected
Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of the Rio Grande on the 3rd ballot.



ACCEPTANCE ADDRESS TO CONVENTION (Via telephone)

Greetings to each and every one of you from the city of Rome, this is Michael Vono ... At this moment I am overwhelmed by your "discernment-choice" to call me as your next Bishop and with profound humility before all of you and before Almighty God, I accept your call trusting with my whole being in the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Today my body may be here across the great pond in Italy, but my heart and my soul are truly now with all of you. May the Lord Jesus bless us and in the days ahead enable each one of us to be "faithful-servant leaders" in the Diocese of the Rio Grande. As the Psalmist rightly says, 'this is the day the Lord has made.....let us be glad and rejoice in it'. Today I am rejoicing with you and thanking our loving and gracious God for you. God Bless you..... "beloved people of the Great Shepherd, Jesus... our Lord and Savior". I am very much looking forward to being with you very soon! Vaja con dios. Hasta Luego! Arrivederci Amici.

STATEMENT OF WILLINGNESS TO SERVE THE PEOPLE OF THE RIO GRANDE, Michael L. Vono+

To my clergy colleagues, the lay delegates, alternates and visitors to Rio Grande's Discernment Diocesan Convention; With profound humility before God and the people of Rio Grande, and trusting whole heartedly in the guidance of the Holy Spirit, I accept your call to serve. Today I thank the Lord Jesus for our new beginnings and along with each one of you prayerfully hope for and expect the generous blessings of Almighty God as we continue Christ's mission and ministries in the Diocese of the Rio Grande. As your chosen Bishop-elect I am enthusiastically looking forward to joining you in the work you have begun, a profound spiritual witness of reconciliation, new life and healing, strengthening the bonds of affection and love in Christ among all God's people. I look forward to the wonderful life-giving challenges we will undertake together as we live into the Diocese of the Rio Grande's visionary identity as Christ Jesus' missionary and transformational people in New Mexico. We will proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom of God; we will pray, teach, admonish, Baptize and willingly serve the needs of all Christ's poor; we will celebrate the Sacraments and at the one table of Christ be nourished by Christ's body and blood; by example we will strengthen each other and all God's people to grow into becoming 'servant-leaders'; we will inspire and daily encourage Christ's flock to be a witnessing people of faith, hope, trust, joy and love; we will nurture a spirit of generosity in reaching out to each other and to our neighbors, humbly transcending all superficial differences of this earthly life. And finally by the grace of God we will clearly see ourselves as one people redeemed by Christ's sacrifice on the Cross, and in the Risen Lord live as one global Christian family, living into our grace-filled heritage of celebrating our oneness in and through our unique diversity as a dynamic Anglican Communion, respecting the contemporary witness of the Episcopal Church. All this we will do trusting in the guidance of the Holy Spirit and committing ourselves to the apostolic teaching and ministry of Jesus our Lord and Savior. Our challenges will be our greatest blessings. Now I encourage you, echoing the words of the Prophet Isaiah: "Thus says the Lord God, 'Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.'" Isaiah 34:18



MAY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

EVERY SUNDAY AT 9 A.M. ADULT STUDY CLASS IN THE LADY CHAPEL

EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 10.30 A.M. LECTIO DIVINA AND MASS AT 12 NOON

MAY 1 – SATURDAY MEN'S BREAKFAST, 9 A.M.

MAY 2 – SUNDAY MASSES AT 8 AND 10.30 A.M. - ALTAR GUILD MEETS AT 9.45 A.M.

MAY 9 – SUNDAY MASSES AT 8 AND 10.30 A.M. – DAUGHTERS OF THE KING MEET AT 9.45 A.M.

**MAY 9 – SUNDAY CONCERT AT 3 P.M. MOTHERS' DAY CONCERT:
GLEN WILLOW CHANTERS
[Scottish and Irish Music]**

Fonzie Johnson
Scott Hancock
Jed Leachman
Abel Guzman
and special guest!

ST. ALBAN'S PARISH HALL

MAY 16 – SUNDAY MASSES AT 8 AND 10.30 A.M.

MAY 23 – SUNDAY MASSES AT 8 AND 10.30 A.M. – CHURCHWOMEN MEET AT 9.45 A.M.

MAY 30 – SUNDAY MASSES AT 8 AND 10.30 A.M.