‘Presage of victory’

**Michaelmas**

Amazement seized

The rebel Thrones, but greater rage, to see

Thus foiled their mightiest; ours joy filled, and shout,

Presage of victory, and fierce desire

Of battle: Whereat Michael bid sound

The archangel trumpet; through the vast of Heaven

It sounded, and the faithful armies rung

Hosanna to the Highest.

*John Milton*

*excerpt from*

*Paradise Lost, Book VI*

**Peter Anton von Verschaffelt**

Bronze statue of Archangel Michael, standing on top of the Castel Sant’Angelo, 1753
To [Adam] thus Michael with regard benign,
Adam, thou knowest Heaven his, and all the Earth;
Not this rock only; his Omnipresence fills
Land, sea, and air, and every kind that lives,
Fomented by his virtual power and warmed:
All the earth he gave thee to possess and rule,
No despicable gift; surmise not then
His presence to these narrow bounds confined
Of Paradise, or Eden: this had been
Perhaps thy capital seat, from whence had spread
All generations; and had hither come
From all the ends of the earth, to celebrate
And reverence thee, their great progenitor.
But this pre-eminence thou hast lost, brought down
To dwell on even ground now with thy sons:
Yet doubt not but in valley, and in plain,
God is, as here; and will be found alike
Present; and of his presence many a sign
Still following thee, still compassing thee round
With goodness and paternal love, his face
Express, and of his steps the track divine.

John Milton
excerpt from
Paradise Lost, Book XI

Of all that God has shown me
I can speak just the smallest word,
Not more than a honey bee
Takes on her foot
From an overspilling jar.

Mechthild of Magdeburg
Message from our Archbishop

The Rt. Rev. William S.H. Downey
Archbishop, Province of the United States

The Province of the United States of America was blessed by the presence of our Presiding Bishop, the Most Reverend Graham S. Wale, and his lovely wife Kylan on the joyous occasion of the consecration of bishop elect Thomas Miller on June 3, 2017. The grand celebration was held at the Parish church of St Gabriel and All Angels, Fairfield, Iowa, where the Reverend James Palmer is the Rector.

Archbishop Wale was ably assisted in the ceremony of consecration by Archbishop William Downey and Bishop Lloyd Worley. Bishop Gaspar Torres also participated during the laying on of hands and Fr. Brian Satterlee served as Master of Ceremonies. Special greetings and blessings were received from Bishop Ruben Cabigting who unfortunately was unable to attend because of health considerations.

Mrs. Ann Bosold served as chief organist and Master of music for the occasion and was assisted by members of the choir of St. Gabriel.

A large crowd of members and friends within the Fairfield community were in attendance, and many members and clergy of other parishes in the Province were likewise assisting.

We are overjoyed at Bishop Thomas’ advancement and in his new role as auxiliary bishop for the Province.

It is also important to note that there will be two consecrations of bishops in Europe this month. The upcoming consecrations are being celebrated in the Province of France at the gracious invitation of the Archbishop Christian Schoch. The Most Reverend Graham S. Wale will again serve as Consecrator for both new bishops. Abp. Schoch and I will be Co-consecrators for Bishop Goran Svrdlin’s consecration; and Archbishop Bertil Mebius-Schröder of Sweden and Denmark and I will be Co-consecrators for Bishop Ferenc Heizer’s.
‘love, joy, courage and compassion!’

**Becoming a Bishop**

*The Rt. Rev. Thomas Miller*

*St. Gabriel and All Angels Church*

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What is it like to become a bishop? It feels like waking up one morning to find oneself hanging five on a surfboard, shooting the curl of a very large wave. A very, very large wave.

I know that I have undergone a significant inner transformation, the scope of which could not have been anticipated. The change is as I had learned beforehand: I can tell that I have been further empowered to serve others who seek the grace and peace of God through the ministrations of a bishop. The change is traditional, having been imparted by the words, hands and blessings of the bishops of The Liberal Catholic Church, who consecrated me in the Apostolic Succession of Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

I am still a very new bishop, only two weeks out of the nest, and I am gradually coming to appreciate new ways in which I can support others in their spiritual lives. The power is there to be drawn upon. With wonderful coaching of my senior bishops, I am stepping into the role further each day.

I have enormous gratitude for all the many members of the church, those in our parish and those who traveled from near and far, who made my Consecration possible and glorious. It will take some time for me to thank each one personally, but that is my intention. In the meantime, THANK YOU!

All of that is the "me" part of becoming a bishop. But many of you have told me that you have been surfing a new wave yourselves — that something happened for potentially the entire congregation of St. Gabriel and All Angels during the Consecration ceremony, and that your lives have also changed spiritually and tangibly with new hope, energy and enthusiasm. So be it! Look back on the 30+ years of our church and see the good that has been done. Now look forward and see what more we can do!

Let us respond to the world we face with love, joy, courage and compassion!
Scenes from the Episcopal Consecration


Below right: Rev. James Palmer, Rector of St. Gabriel & All Angels Church, before Eucharist began.

Below left: Abp. Wale greeting the newly consecrated Bishop.
Above: Organist & Music Director Ann Bosold.

Below: the St. Gabriel choir offering music for Communion.
Parish News

Church of St. Albert, Greeley, Colorado

Saint Albert’s Church has been selected for the 2017 Best of Greeley Award in the Religious Organizations category by the Greeley Award Program.

Each year, the Greeley Award Program identifies companies that we believe have achieved exceptional marketing success in their local community and business category. These are local companies that enhance the positive image of small business through service to their customers and our community. These exceptional companies help make the Greeley area a great place to live, work and play.

Various sources of information were gathered and analyzed to choose the winners in each category. The 2017 Greeley Award Program focuses on quality, not quantity. Winners are determined based on the information gathered both internally by the Greeley Award Program and data provided by third parties.

Greeley Award Program, June 1, 2017

Our Lady Queen of Angels, Rio Rancho, New Mexico

Sunday School began September 10th. Sr. Mary Arthen Donovan, Sunday School teacher, has chosen a three-fold focus this year: general morality, including the Ten Commandments from Moses and the two Great Commandments from Jesus; Bible stories; and Liberal Catholic ritual. The children will continue to learn the prayers of the Eucharist, including the Our Father and the Act of Faith.

Sr. Kathleen Clute
AT SUNSET LOOK EAST
Fr. Brian Satterlee

At sunset look east
see the sun’s promise mirrored
in the land
if in life’s long journey we could lend the hand
and remember to look east
over the golden land

at sunset look east
life like the tides
ebb and flows
the pain is no comfort
east is our homeward land

at sunset look east
life at the end is short
but look east and remember
see the sun’s promise
grab his hand

ART: Seraphim — Claudio Bravo