

Diocese of Connecticut
Clerical Report for ~~2009~~ 2010

Every Bishop, Presbyter, or Deacon whose report is not included in a parochial report shall also report on the exercise of such office, and if there has been none, the causes or reasons which have prevented the same. These reports, or such parts of them as the Bishop may deem proper, shall be entered in the Journal of the Convention. (Canon I.6, Sec. 2 & 3 of the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church)

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Job Description RETIRED PRIEST - IN - Residence - no duties

Parish Affiliation ST. Andrew's Church, LAKE WORTH, FL

Official Acts in ~~2009~~ 2010

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Eucharists | <input type="checkbox"/> Counseling Sessions | <input type="checkbox"/> Baptisms |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marriages | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital Visits | <input type="checkbox"/> Burials |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sermons | <input type="checkbox"/> Daily Offices | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Services - ASSISTING |

I have taken services in (list parishes and locations):

ST. Andrew's, LAKE WORTH - PRINC. SAT. PM - SERVICE
ALL SAINTS, FORT LAUDERDALE, XMAS EVE - ASSIST → CHRISTMAS EVE 2010
ADMINISTER COMMUNION
ALL SAINTS, FT LAUDERDALE

On the back of this page or on an extra page, please feel free to write a brief summary of your life and ministry during ~~2009~~ 2010 ATTACHED.

Signature: R. Nolan

Return by April 1, ²⁰¹¹ 2010 to: The Rt. Rev. James E. Curry, Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut, 1335 Asylum Avenue, Hartford, CT 06105



**ANNUAL REPORT – INFORMAL SUPPLEMENT
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION – UPDATED**

December, 2010

This supplementary report is intended to be a **one-time update** of all sorts of basic, personal and vocational items especially at this time for Bishop Douglas.

(Yes, I do have some “time on my hands.” 😊)

GENERAL Re 2010, please read our attached, annual Christmas letter. (Photos on reverse side.)

I continue as “Professor of Philosophy and Social Sciences Emeritus” at Naugatuck Valley Community College, Waterbury, CT.

[After 1967 our professional settings were chosen by their proximity to our newly built home in Bristol, CT designed by my partner/spouse Robert C. Pingpank (a German name). Social/academic prestige was not a factor; given our top priority to protect our family life, we both decided to serve rather quietly.]

My early retirement pension package (as of July, 1992, at age 55) **is from the State of Connecticut; it provides an annual 3% COLA as well as full Medicare & Anthem BC/BS supplemental, limited dental coverage, and full prescription coverage after a \$500 deductible. Additional income is derived from Social Security coverage** (taken at age 62), **and book royalties.** (At my request, my Church Pension Fund account was frozen sometime in the 1990s.) [Bob has an early retirement, State of CT Teachers Retirement pension package (since 1994 at age 57), investments, and Social Security.]

Both Bob and I now have a life care contract with the John Knox Village, a “continuing care retirement community” in Pompano Beach, Florida. [Bob’s health is excellent; mine is laden with largely inherited nuisances (diabetes, cardiac, *et al.*) that result annually in close to \$18,000 for prescribed meds.]

Because there are no spousal benefits attached to our Social Security and State retirement packages, we have been especially careful to plan for sufficient income for whichever of us is the survivor. (We support organizations that are legally challenging these types of prohibitions.)

My current Equifax credit score is 800 (please see an attached page). **We have always lived within our means.** (Bob’s score is similar.)



With extensive documentation (and for nostalgic reasons) **in August I applied to the Republic of Ireland for citizenship** (based on heredity: paternal grandfather). **Dual citizenship is welcomed by the United States and Ireland. It takes about a year for processing; there are no financial entanglements.** [I regret that for medical reasons I am unable to travel, so I shall never have visited Ireland.]

During 2010 I have been able to complete various archival provisions. As requested, the following settings now contain my related documents, papers, books, etc.

Max R. Traurig Library of Naugatuck Valley Community College, Waterbury, CT

Christ Church Cathedral, Hartford, CT (library or archives)

Yale Divinity School Library Archives

New York University Archives in the Elmer Holmes Bobst Library

The Litchfield Historical Society (Litchfield, CT) – personal items related to St. Paul's Episcopal Church (Bantam) and The Litchfield Institute

The Thomaston Historical Society – as related to myself and Bob, a Thomaston native

***Trinitiana* Collection of the Watkinson Library within the Trinity College Library**

The *Trinitiana Collection* in the College Archives is a collection devoted to publications by or about Trinity alumni, faculty, staff, and students.

My full C.V. is available at www.philosophy-religion.org/. (A duplicate, along with Bob’s, is within www.nolan-pingpank.com/.)

WIKIPEDIA has seen fit to include my brief entry, thanks to someone’s efforts. (Style wise, it could use a rewrite.)

AN ONGOING INTEREST: MODEST EXPANSION OF WEBSITES BEGUN IN 2000

www.philosophy-religion.org --- academic website

www.nolan-pingpank.com --- scrapbook website

Their combined 2010 international hits total a very satisfying 1,035,081.

Bequests. The bulk of our combined estate is assigned to Trinity College, Hartford, primarily for a permanent scholarship fund. Additionally, an endowment to maintain live/online both websites is included per wording in our wills as provided by Trinity's Office of Planned Giving.

Via the **Scrapbook** nolan-pingpank website the College is interested in making available a glimpse of the lives of two alumni whose origins as a couple began (pre-Stonewall) at Trinity in 1955 and who in 2009 were the first same-sex couple to marry legally in the Trinity College Chapel.

The **academic website** preserves the scholarship of The Rev. Dr. Edmond La B. Cherbonnier (my primary academic mentor), many of the writings of Frank G. Kirkpatrick (coauthor; respected scholar and friend), and my own – including reflections/sermons; also incorporated is an assortment of other items in philosophy and religion – thereby providing a look at a small segment of mid-to-late 20th and early 21st centuries' U.S.A. philosophical, religious, and theological thought.

Zarys wiary – komentarz - I am particularly pleased that two Polish scholars are translating my www.philosophy-religion.org "Commentary on the Prayer Book Catechism" for use online there. <http://dstp.cba.pl/> I think they are with the Polish National Catholic Church.

PLANNED GIFTS & BEQUESTS

At this time and subject to future revisions of our wills, other modest bequests are designated for **educational institutions**: Boston Latin School, Cheshire Academy (CT), New York University, Tabor Academy (MA), Thomaston High School (CT), Yale University, and

Episcopal churches: Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine (NYC), Christ Church Cathedral (Hartford), St. Paul's Parish (Bantam, CT), and the Washington National Cathedral.

Our personal representative is longtime friend (currently age 57) Anthony Timiraos of Fort Lauderdale; if he cannot act, his partner of 40 years Arthur Crispino (also 57) will serve. We have known them since they were 18 year old Waterbury CT residents.

RECENT VESTMENT GIFTS



When we were in Hartford during June of 2009, I delivered my canon's cassock and tippet (with the Cathedral's shield) plus a surplice to Christ Church Cathedral. Earlier I had shipped my cope (a gift to me from my late mother) to the Cathedral.

◀In October of 2010 I was especially pleased to pass on my newish, custom-made, Almy stoles to a young Trinity College alumnus to whom (with his wife) we were introduced a few years ago by the College's president, formerly a lay canon elsewhere. Via the Diocese of Southeast Florida (and VTS) he was ordained to the diaconate in December, 2010.

I have retained sufficient vestments for my use (a rarity).

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Despite my willingness to be withdrawn from the masthead, I remain "Retired Priest-in-Residence" at St. Andrew's, Lake Worth, ► ► home of Integrity-Palm Beach, which we helped establish in 2001; the 50-minute drive (via the treacherous I-95) from where we now live prohibits regular, on-site participation – though we do still pledge. (We also pledge to Christ Church Cathedral and contribute to three additional congregations.)



We are testing the waters at the nearby, inclusive All Saints, Fort Lauderdale. At my initiative, though, I am no longer licensed-to-officiate in Southeast Florida. I just cannot any longer physically sit through the requisite, repeated, dragged out, insurance-driven “safe church” workshops – which, despite theological rhetoric, will deter nothing inflicted by the psychologically maladjusted – ordained or lay. If they *must* be held, *once* within any diocese would suffice.

With heartfelt gratitude, I continue as a “Retired Honorary Canon” (for life, per Oct. 11, 1994, Chapter minutes). The Service leaflet included the rationale for my initial 1991 installation as an honorary canon:


College, to be admitted as an honorary Canon of Christ Church Cathedral representing the educational community of the State of Connecticut, and the non-parochial clergy of the Diocese of Connecticut and in honor of his volunteer service as a member of the Cathedral staff during the past four years.

When I retired from St. Paul’s, Bantam after 14 years of service in 1988 as part-time pastor and had no future plans, I was named “Pastor Emeritus.” (Please see reduced-size photocopy of the letter at the end of this Supplement.) [Surprisingly, within two months I was appointed (non-stipendiary) to the part-time staff of Christ Church Cathedral.]

We remain perplexed that the Church’s endeavors to influence and implement policies affecting poverty, hunger, and disaster relief omit explicit promotion of family planning education/assistance both domestically and abroad. Population control is an essential, foundational issue in all of these matters, and the Churches (and the U.N.) appear to be negligent re this reality. Bob and I contribute to about 34 charitable associations annually, but rarely to causes that do not include genuine, in-depth enablement.

I’d suggest that the Rev. Dr. Frank G. Kirkpatrick, if he would take it on, chair a diocesan commission to report to the next diocesan convention re the Christian morality of population control and its significance for poverty, hunger, disaster relief, etc. Frank’s academic and pastoral capacities for developing such a report are unsurpassed. (We coauthored an ethics textbook several years ago, and I have the highest regard for him as a faithful scholar-priest.)

The BCP Order of our simple, (non-eucharistic) memorial services are on file at St. Andrew’s, Lake Worth, and our cremains will be placed simply in crypts purchased about 30 years ago at St. Mark’s, Ft. Lauderdale. It is possible that our services will be somewhat private; time will tell.

 My late mother was an (English/Scottish heritage) Episcopalian, my late father an (Irish heritage) Roman Catholic; this provided absolutely no discord in our home. Their own “radical” elopement provided a pioneering, independent spirit that has served me well.

When I was in the third grade and the only “non-Catholic” (cradle Episcopalian) in a private, Roman Catholic, day school (staffed by Dominican Sisters), a Dominican priest visited this suburban Boston school for a day. I decided then and there that I’d strive toward some sort of an Episcopal teacher/priest counterpart. However, vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience lived out in religious community were intolerable as soon as I understood their meanings!

As time passed, I realized that it would be necessary to design a teaching ministry. Mom and Dad put their only child through college and one year of seminary. By teaching full and part time and via some small scholarships, I (preferring financial independence) insisted on assuming responsibility for all costs of remaining studies – including CPE - that led to an M.Div. (ordinations), an M.A. in Religion, and some years later at age 36 an NYU Ph.D. (Because I was working fulltime, I took the full ten years allowed to complete the doctorate.)



I could not have undertaken any of this without Bob's supportive companionship ◀ (2010 photo) in a bond that began when we were 18-year-old freshmen at Trinity College. Our evolving life together and our baptismal identity continue to be primary for us, more so than my ordination or any other of our professional/ vocational roles. In the course of our lives, for our well-being as a family, self-care/love has been a readily embraced dimension of Christ's "Summary of the Law."

[Furthermore, we honor the differences in our respective tastes, opinions, interests, aptitudes, "wiring," etc.; we're neither "joined at the hip" nor clones of each other.]

While teaching fulltime and afterwards, I've been privileged to serve part-time in various ordained capacities, often non-stipendiary, in enriching, unlike schools, parishes and cathedrals – terrific opportunities to belong to very different communities in rural, urban, and suburban settings.

Curious about future, pre-retirement possibilities, at 50 I financed a 2½-day career assessment at the *Center for Career Development and Ministry* (Newton Centre, MA) and learned that a "composite career" would best suit my INTJ and other "wirings." (I was completely self-disclosing during that process.) What's more, a composite career was exactly what I already had - a blossoming of my third grade decision plus some writing. The assessment experience was extremely affirming!

Bob, also a cradle Episcopalian (and currently a licensed eucharistic minister) who early in his youth hoped for a mathematics teaching career, enjoyed such a path for over three decades. (We were both "altar boys" at age 8!) He is an extremely loving, bright, patient, personable, practical, *ISF/TJ* man who majored interdepartmentally in education, mathematics and physics. His M.Ed. was in secondary school administration. A 6th year certificate (one year beyond the master's) was interdepartmental.

We both took specially State-offered early retirement options, mine at age 55, Bob two years later. (I suspect that he will outlive me and shoulder the grief of our separation, which saddens me.)

Afterwards, some part-time service continued for me, though we headed for our Florida vacation condo as soon as Bob retired. A new home was built within a year, and my widowed mother (suffering from dementia, cardiac problems, diabetes, etc.) moved in with us for two years, then to a fine, brand new nursing home (that depleted her resources). A full biography *Soul Mates ...* written largely by a late, straight woman/grandmother (a former parishioner) is at www.nolan-pingpank.com/.

We both know that we have been, and continue to be, extremely fortunate. (We were even lucky enough to be born *three days apart* in 1937!) That we have been able to serve in ways that truly fit our personalities and circumstances has been a wonderful, welcomed gift.

In retirement we have been publicly "out" as a couple, in order to convey the compatibility of Christianity with various "practiced" sexual orientations and to make it easier for those of succeeding generations; they, too, must contend with large segments of a cultivated public ignorance, now a competing public "virtue."

As our scrapbook website affirms on its home page, "*For us there will be only one real crisis – when one of us dies – And that crisis will be resolved eventually – when we are rejoined at our Easter!*" Now nearer death than birth, we are as prepared as anyone can be for the crisis of death, which will be *devastating*; yet it will come about, and coped with, within the context of a joy-filled history together and our firm hope of being in the Creator's hands in a new way. Even with LGBT issues relentlessly hovering about (an understatement!), we have been able (via maintaining a high degree of independence while maneuvering around both Church and State) to live a very ordinary life – thanks primarily to our baptismal identity and all it can mean to be "a child of God."

Hopefully, next year -- a one-page annual report -- *sans supplément!*



SAINT PAUL'S PARISH

organized in 1796

Bantam, Connecticut 06750

The Reverend Richard T. Nolan, Ph.D.
Pastor

The Reverend Elbert B. Hamlin, S.T.M.
Liturgical Associate

The Very Reverend Alan W. Jones, Ph.D.
Honorary Associate Pastor

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Parish Administrator

The Reverend John R. Kenny, Jr., B.S.
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February 28, 1988

The Reverend Richard T. Nolan
St. Paul's Parish
Bantam, Connecticut

Dear Father Nolan,

As representatives of a strengthened and spirited St. Paul's Parish, the Vestry has elected to bestow upon you the title of Pastor Emeritus.

We shall remember with gratitude your extraordinary leadership on our behalf over the course of your fourteen year ministry among us.

With sincerest thanks,

Diana Savony
Senior Warden

Dwight E. Keeney
Junior Warden



from
**RICHARD T. NOLAN and
ROBERT C. PINGPANK!**

*Our entire 2010 journal with new
pictures is posted at nolan-pingpank.com/.*

The first year in our John Knox Village home has been excellent! Within the six-year-old *Heritage Tower* our (uppermost, 10th floor) apartment provides via oversized windows an unobstructed view eight miles southward to downtown Fort Lauderdale - and beyond. Living in the 64-acre, inclusive, independent, 1000-resident, "continuing care retirement community" offers whatever lifetime assistance we might need - currently at the *independent* level. In short, we are living much as we have for decades, but in a contemporary, hotel-like home with comprehensive healthcare and other amenities - akin to a "Club Med" for seniors (ages 62+)!

Delightful visits from family and friends from the northeast and our own locale were most welcomed throughout the year. Village records indicate that from December 2009 through November 2010 we hosted forty-nine luncheon guests in the very pleasant dining room - with its superb cuisine.

Our 73rd birthdays were celebrated in May. Moreover, in June we marked the first anniversary of our legal, Connecticut marriage plus in September our 55th anniversary as a couple. To commemorate our families and our special 2010 days, we contributed a park bench to the Village's grounds (picture over). Its tranquil spot offers a view of one of two campus lakes (registered wildlife sanctuaries) with their many beautiful birds - varieties of swans, geese, ducks, herons and egrets, ibis, and migrating fowl.

Annual regional events related to some of our schools and various organizations were very enjoyable, as were area social activities. Excursions beyond Broward County were rare. In November we traveled to St. Andrew's, Lake Worth, where Rich preached and Bob served as a eucharistic minister for an *Integrity-Palm Beach* gathering. The next weekend we participated on a *Multicultural Film Festival* panel at Palm Beach State College. Thanksgiving was at the home of longtime friends Tony and Arthur in their Fort Lauderdale home with a number of others.

With regard to health, the year is concluding very well. New doctors have had a fresh look at us, found nothing new, and confirmed that we are on very reasonable levels. Some specific limitations do continue for Rich, but they are manageable within our environs.

Bob continues to learn Spanish via Rosetta Stone; he keeps up with the latest automotive news - a longtime hobby - and relishes total freedom from four decades of a homeowner's maintenance responsibilities. Rich adds to our websites (including the Scrapbook and philosophy-religion.org), which have garnered a very satisfying 1,035,081 hits during the past twelve months. Since 1979 he has been one of three coauthors of *Living Issues In Philosophy* - in its 9th edition and 64th year, currently with Oxford University Press. (Both of Rich's coauthors have died.)

We remain ever thankful for our family life together, and we trust fully in God's grace and ultimate sovereignty. However, not all is cheery! Because of perverse, political processes resulting in wide-ranging Congressional dysfunction, we find it disheartening to have only minimal confidence in contemporary U.S.A. governance - not that any other nation is better! We do not feel apathetic, but betrayed by the many legislators who twist fundamental democratic procedures. We vote as Independents - but too often for the lesser (or least) of evils!

Predictably, but contradictory to its noble ideals and some ongoing, positive achievements, our unique land embraces some powerful idols and toxic mores (e.g., greed, celebrity, power, deception, vindictiveness, self-centeredness, willful ignorance, and violence) which reward their respective devotees with forms of enslavement, usually the opposite of whatever any might promise. The Creator must be saddened by chronic, self-defeating misuses of the divine gift of human freedom. Because the U.S.A. is always "a work in progress," we have hope that during our lifetimes we shall regain genuine confidence in, and optimism for, our country's well-being!

Despite our politically rooted discouragements, we're not downhearted; we believe that humanity has been offered radiant *Light* that can transform all sorts of relationships throughout the planet. We need only to choose repeatedly to collaborate gracefully with God's purposes for humankind. Let us hope that some specific effects of more *Light* will be evident during 2011 within our own lives, nationally, even globally!