

ABOUT THE ST. THOMAS MORE SOCIETY OF ST. CLARE CHURCH

OUR PREMISE

“The Pastoral Provision is a generous arrangement made by the Holy See in 1980 for those who were formerly priests and laymen in the Episcopal Church and who now wish to enter into full communion in the Roman Catholic Church while retaining some elements of their Anglican heritage and customs. Notably, this allows for the possibility of former Episcopal priests (including those who are married) being ordained to the Roman Catholic priesthood, and for the continuance of an “Anglican style” liturgy (approved by the Vatican) in *The Book of Divine Worship*” (from the brochure, “An Important Message to Visitors and Newcomers at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin”, Arlington, Texas).

OUR PURPOSE

The purpose of the St. Thomas More Society of St. Clare Church is to establish a Pastoral Provision Personal Parish of the Anglican Use in the Diocese of Scranton and to aid in the establishment of other Roman Catholic Anglican Use Parishes where the need or opportunity may arise.

OUR MEMBERSHIP

Many of the founding members of the St. Thomas More Society of St. Clare Church are former parishioners in the Episcopal Church USA. All former Anglicans and Episcopalians who desire to enter into full communion with the Roman Catholic Church can become members of the Society. This Society is governed by a seven-member board of directors, elected by the Society’s members at their annual meeting. The daily affairs of the Society are overseen and conducted by the Executive Director, Mr. Eric Bergman, a former Episcopal priest who served from 1999 to 2004 as the Rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd in the Green Ridge section of Scranton. Contributions to the Society advance our purpose, increase awareness of the Pastoral Provision of Pope John Paul II, and meet the temporal needs of Mr. Bergman, his wife Kristina, and their three children, Clara, Eric, and Julia.

TO CONTRIBUTE

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