

TRINITY NEWS

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*W*e're very happy to welcome Bishop Rex to Holy Trinity this morning. He will be presiding at both services, confirming six of our young people – Tatiana, Isabella, Kaide, Oorjit, Prajit and Isabel - at the 9:30 Eucharist and receiving two members of our French congregation – Takor and Marivic Egbe - into the Anglican Communion.

The sacrament of Confirmation, though no longer a requirement for Holy Communion, is nevertheless an important benchmark in the life of Christians as it marks their assumption of full personal responsibility for the vows made in their name at Baptism and therefore the beginning of their life as adult members of the Church. Reception is a rite by which those from other Christian traditions who have decided to continue their spiritual journey as Anglicans/Episcopalians are welcomed into the fold, so to speak. We have ample reason then to celebrate this morning.

On another (but subtly related note), the sign-up list for acolytes is now open in the parish office. Serving at the altar is an exciting way – especially for our young people - of participating in our liturgies and acquiring a deeper understanding of their meaning. I'm hoping in the near future to link up with the youth acolyte teams at other churches and institutions in the diocese (especially Holy Family parish and Brent School) to form a wider acolyte guild. It could be fun – joint events and 'exchange' Sundays and so forth.

One last thing: today is the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels – one of the big ones we tend to miss out on these days. Since Sundays take precedence, the Church will be celebrating it tomorrow, but our first hymn at the 9:30 is in honor of the feast. Happy saints day then to all Michaels, Michelles & Miguels among us.