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#### **THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

When we take to the skies surely safely is our highest priority. One way to stay safe – in addition to keeping current with our medicals and regular reviews – is to fly frequently and make not mere “currency,” but “proficiency” our watchword with respect to exercising the privileges of whatever our particular rating happens to be.

With the steadily increasing demands and pressures upon priestly ministry, time in the cockpit is at a premium, thus we have to take advantage of every opportunity to build quality time at the aircraft controls. Discussions on this abound, and it is far outside the scope of this letter to answer that question. One thing is sure however, and that is technology can make us better Priest Pilots.

I'm not referring to GPS, FMS, iPods, and other aeronautical gizmos. Rather, I've found some important pieces of technology that can improve the efficiency of priestly ministry

thereby increasing the quality of service that we render to our people while saving us a little bit of time to take that ever-so-important one extra flight per month.

First, I'd like to introduce you to a great website I've found to take a lot of the fuss and fumble out of wedding liturgy planning.

At [www.catholicweddingplanner.com](http://www.catholicweddingplanner.com) you will find a new interface that is destined to become for Catholic weddings what [www.fltplan.com](http://www.fltplan.com) has become for the modern general aviation pilot. For our couples [www.catholicweddingplanner.com](http://www.catholicweddingplanner.com) offers a very inexpensive, easy step-by-step guide to wedding planning taking them through a complete menu of the prayers, readings and options for any Catholic wedding.

What saves time here – time that we can spend improving our flying skills and increasing our safety margin – is that as presiders we can customize the choices that the couples see when they log in, so that hour-long meeting when we lay out various options is eliminated since the couples can do that online at their own leisure. Also, for the presider there is a complete customized printout of each individual ceremony, so there's no need to assemble a complicated binder for each wedding.

Best of all, this service is free to the presider, and is completely licensed and approved by ICEL and the USCCB. Also, as an option, if the couple desires **Error!**

**Hyperlink reference not valid.** can generate a wedding program worship aid. That meeting we used to spend helping the bride and groom proofread their wedding program? We can use that time studying for our next rating or review.

Another super time-saver that has also improved the quality of service to couples is the PREPARE-ENRICH inventory ([www.prepare-enrich.com](http://www.prepare-enrich.com)). If your diocese approves, the Prepare-Enrich inventory is an excellent marriage preparation tool that can help a couple identify their strengths, possible strengths, possible growth areas and growth areas. Facilitator training is required.

And here's another place where an hour-long meeting is saved, trading desk time for Hobbs time. The couples can answer their surveys online at their own convenience, and the presider or wedding preparer does not have to score the profile, rather the completed profile printout is emailed immediately after the couple completes the questionnaires.

Finally, a wonderful piece of technology that has improved service to wedding couples while making more efficient use of time is found at [www.skype.com](http://www.skype.com), a free videoconference service. All you need is a webcam and internet connection and you can set up a prenuptial conference at a time that is much more convenient for all parties and can save couples travel time to the church office.

I'm not advocating a videoconference in situations where wedding couples are a short drive from the office, however with young couples often living in different places or very far away [www.skype.com](http://www.skype.com) gives us an option to spend more time with couples, improve the quality of our interactions, while saving on travel time. Recently I married a couple from Tennessee who could not drive to Ohio for their marriage preparation.

Skype fit the bill in that case, and we developed a great ministerial connection even though we were never in the same city until the day of the wedding. Right now there is a couple in Cincinnati and we are using the same methodology.

Obviously there are canonical requirements here that need to be observed. I've found that a couple's local priest is happy to give the necessary permission for marriage knowing that the couple will be conscientiously prepared and not given the short-shrift that might sometimes attend to those long-distance weddings. I would recommend forwarding prenuptial files for interstate or interdiocesan weddings through the respective chanceries for a *nihil obstat*, and any required dispensations or permissions.

Using Skype videoconferencing for meetings makes it easier to time shift our important ministerial obligations and improve the level of service while increasing – you guessed it – our time in the left seat.

As quickly as flight technology has been improving, these three technologies: [www.catholicweddingplanner.com](http://www.catholicweddingplanner.com), [www.prepare-enrich.com](http://www.prepare-enrich.com), and [www.skype.com](http://www.skype.com) are recent innovations that will help us serve our people better and save us precious time that we can devote to becoming better – and safer – pilots.

Sincerely,

**Allen Corrigan / N6172D /  
1G5 (Medina Muni, Ohio)**

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<http://priestpilot.blogspot.com>



I received word following the August mailing of the NAPP newsletter that Fr. Michael J Devaney, OMI died on August 9, 2011. There were no particulars given with the information so I presume he died of natural causes in Columbus, OH as that was his mailing address

Remember him in your prayers and may he rest in peace

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*President Allen Corrigan has some very interesting and challenging ideas in his message. As I read it part of me felt grateful for retirement because I won't have to worry about implementing these ever changing advancements into my life. On the other hand I continue to be fascinated when I ponder the almost limitless capabilities available in hopefully ministering better in today's culture.*

*I hope those of you still struggling in active ministry find Allen's sharing helpful in your work..*

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In late August and early September I contacted most of you regarding my computer failure and the loss of some addresses. I attempted to reconstruct the NAPP mailing list. I did send the current issue of the NAPP directory to all who said they had not received one. Five came back saying the snail mail address was no longer valid.

ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:

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Cedar Falls, IA 50613-1683  
319-266-3889  
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Now a couple of challenges:

1. **IF YOU HAVE NOT** received the new directory please let me know and I will send you one. (Better include your mailing address to make sure I have the correct one).
2. **IF YOU RECEIVE THIS ELECTRONICALLY** and have not received the directory, please follow the directions in number one above and I'll respond.
3. **IF FOR SOME REASON YOU ARE OPTING OUT**, please let me know so I can take you off the list.
4. **IF BY SOME QUIRK OF FATE** you receive this and the old address I have for you is incorrect, please send me your new address – where ever it may be
5. **FINALLY**, if you have died and are no longer among the living, please have St. Peter commission the Archangel Gabriel convey that message to us. We would be honored to add your name to the Necrology list of NAPP members who now enjoy eternal bliss.

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## **REMINDER**

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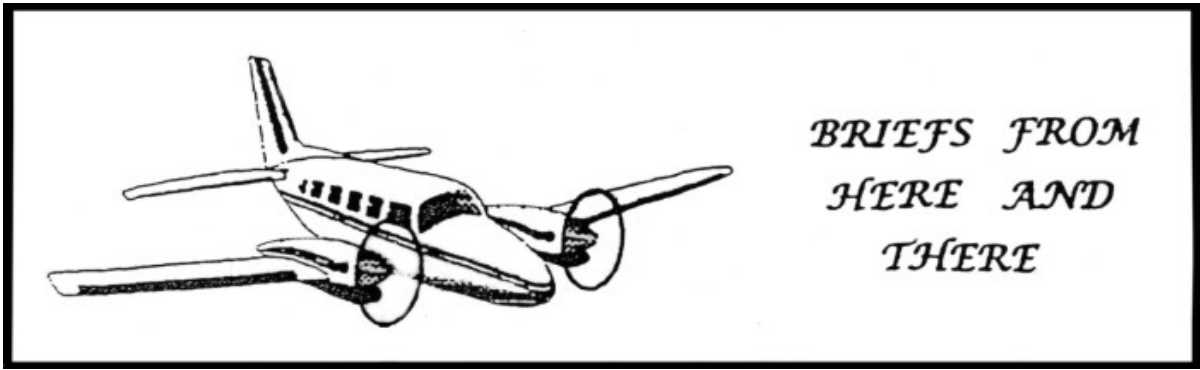
### **NAPP CONVENTION**

Will be held in

### **ELMIRA, NEW YORK**

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**JULY 10-12, 2012**



Dear Mel,

Hello from Alaska! While I did not receive the new directory, it is entirely possible that it went to my old address in DC.

My new address is:

St. Benedict Parish

8110 Jewel Lake Road

Anchorage, AK 99502

Tel: 907-351-0980 ©, 907-243-2195 work

Email: the.same.walshleo@ymail.com

Finally got a spot at Lake Hood Seaplane Base this last year. Great to have the plane on the lake, but it has been a terrible flying season this year with rain and low ceiling for the last six weeks non-stop, at least during the times I can go flying. Some fellow down the street is building an ark. You know what they say, there are boat people and airplane people.

Went to Bishop Bob Gruss's ordination in Rapid City. Nice to have another NAPP member in the episcopacy. Bob is a classmate of mine and will do quite well.

Fair winds,

Leo Walsh

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Hi, Mel

Now that I'm a senior priest, I have a new mailing address:

Rev William G Menzel

PMB 136

2511 8TH ST S

Wisconsin Rapids WI 54494

Also, my cell phone is now my only phone:  
715-570-6352

I'm now doing occasional flying for Wings Air Charter, a local flight school and charter operation here at ISW. So far it's only been giving rides in a C172. Whether it will amount to anything more remains to be seen.

I've also flown a couple of Angel Flight missions this summer. I always enjoy those. It's nice to be able to share the gift of flight to help those who need what we can offer.

In Christ,

Bill Menzel

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*Msgr John Wehrlen from Toms River, NJ had the following note with his 2012 dues*

The old Aeronca Champ is slowing down as is it's sometime pilot.

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*Edwina Tabares writes from Albuquerque*  
Hello Mel,

Good to receive the NAPP newsletter. After I read it, I felt like I had been there with you gentlemen. Thanks for the donation to our mission, please note that the new address for the mission is my home address. We are still working with the people in Mexico but have also added two local schools to donate uniforms, school supplies, etc. here in Albuquerque. They are extremely grateful for our help as the schools have many poor students that attend.

Enclosed is a check for the two years I owed. Glad to be part of this organization. Hope to make it next year. Take care and God bless.

Edwina Tabares

San Martin Flying Mission, Inc.

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*A couple of address changes*  
Rev John Costello, SJ  
6324 N Kenmore Avenue  
Chicago IL 60660  
*(All else remains the same)*

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Rev John Vakulskas  
716 8<sup>th</sup> St  
PO Box 97  
Sibley IA 51249  
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*From Phil Gibbs to all members*  
Hi Mel,

Please consider putting this into the next newsletter for NAPP.

Dear friends and fellow members of NAPP,

I offer words of thanks to our NAPP organization for the \$1000.00 scholarship. Your generosity assisted me in paying my bills after obtaining my commercial pilot's license in the latter part of July 2011. I am grateful to all of you for your support. Special words of thanks to Mel Hemann for putting me through the paces and getting me ready for my check ride in order to pass. Getting my commercial rating had been a goal of mine for some time and my reasons for pursuing this was to make me both a better and safer pilot. And...no...American Airlines has not offered me a contract... yet (haha).

Sincerely,

Phil Gibbs

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*The following is a medical update  
from my brother Ev*

I have chemo every 14 days. I am blest in that I have little side effect, yet the chemo is effective. I am "stable", i.e., no new growth of cancer in the past two months. I am also blest because I seldom experience any pain. I do not have the same energy level and I fatigue easily.

I took medical retirement about a month ago, continuing to live at the parish. The Archbishop appointed a recently retired priest to be an administrator until next summer when we do our usual change of pastors.

With all my medications, I do not act as PIC. Mel has gone flying with me in his RV. Thank you for your prayers and concerns.

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## GUESS WHO?



**Doug Rosendaal & Mel after a ride in a P 51**

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