

A REPORT on the 27th Synod of the Diocese of the Mid
Atlantic States
Anglican Catholic Church
held in Wilmington, Delaware, hosted by St. Mary's ACC
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St. Mary's, Wilmington, and their Rector, Canon Kenneth
Gunn-Walberg, hosted this Synod, and the fruits of
their diligence and creativity were made available to
us all.

I attended the Synod on the main day, Friday, as a
guest. We began with Mass celebrated by Bishop William
McLean. The Diocese has a very fine choir which sang,
and about 80 were in attendance.

The 22 parishes were well represented, with about 90 in
attendance at the business meetings. The conduct and
content of these meetings was excellent. This being the
27th Synod, the Diocese now has a track record and a
sense of history, and its clergy and people are proud
of it.

The hospitality extended me was warm and gracious, and
the Bishop asked me to make a presentation on the
Fellowship of Concerned Churchmen's Rally in
Wilmington, Delaware this September 16-18, and on the
Anglican Fellowship of the Delaware Valley, which is
serving as the Steering Committee for the Rally.
Bishop John Broadhurst will be the keynote speaker, as
part of the Saturday Festival of Faith being sponsored
by FiF/NA.

Many Synod delegates expressed interest in the Rally,
the purpose of which is to build better communication
and working relationships among the jurisdictions that
are planning to attend: ACC, PCK, ACA, FiF/NA, AMiA,
and possibly the APA and REC.

It was a pleasure to do just this on a small scale at
the DMAS Synod, and reconnect with clergy and laity I

had not seen in many years, and to meet many more clergy and laity for the first time.

The banquet speaker, The Very Rev. Fr. Russell Smith, an eminent Roman Catholic theologian from the Diocese of Richmond, gave a most eloquent and inspiring after-dinner talk. We finished the day with Evensong, sung by the Diocesan Choir. It was altogether edifying to become better acquainted with a robust and unified Diocese with which we can build closer working relationships and a common vision for our future.