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## **The Most Rev'd Frank T. Griswold appointed Episcopal Visitor of the Society of Catholic Priests**

*October 6, 2011 – Detroit, MI* – At its third annual conference, the North American province of The Society of Catholic Priests invited former Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold to become its Episcopal Visitor, and Bishop Griswold accepted this invitation.

The Society met at Christ Church, Detroit, from September 28 to October 1, 2011. During the Conference, Bishop Griswold delivered a presentation on the role of the priest in the sacrament of Reconciliation, and celebrated at the pontifical solemn high mass for the feast of St. Michael and All Angels.

The Episcopal Visitor is a bishop invited by the Society to provide care and support to the Council and to represent the interests of the Society to other Bishops in the Episcopal Church, the Anglican Church of Canada, and the Anglican Communion.

Responding to news of Bishop Griswold's appointment, Society Convener Father Bill Carroll said, "We are honored and delighted that Bishop Griswold has offered us his support and encouragement as we work to encourage priestly spirituality and Catholic evangelism within The Episcopal Church and the Anglican Church of Canada. We are blessed."

### **About the Most Reverend Frank Griswold**

Bishop Griswold served as the 25th Presiding Bishop and Primate of The Episcopal Church from 1998 to 2006. At the time of his election, he was serving as the Diocesan Bishop of Chicago, a position he had held since 1987. A native of Pennsylvania, Bishop Griswold returned to his home state following his retirement, and currently serves as bishop-in-residence at St. Luke's Parish, Germantown, in Philadelphia. He has recently written "Praying Our Days: A Guide and Companion," published by Morehouse.

### **About the Society of Catholic Priests**

Founded in 1994 in England under the patronage of Archbishop of Canterbury The Most Reverend Rowan Williams, the SCP seeks to promote the catholic sacramental, spiritual, and social justice traditions of the Anglican churches. The North American province, similar to the Society in the UK, embraces as colleagues all those admitted to Holy Orders in The Episcopal Church and the Anglican Church of Canada. The Society's North American province was founded in 2009 at its first conference, held at Christ Church, New Haven. The SCP is present as well in Australia. The Society's website is at <http://thescp.org/>.

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