

We Made Our Mark at the 2015 Diocesan Convention

December 4 & 5, 2015, the annual Los Angeles diocesan convention was held in Ontario, CA, and dear friends, we are delighted to report our St. James the Great congregation was there in force! Clad in our signature Save St. James the Great red shirts, we happily greeted convention delegates and shared information about our situation and the resolutions that were put forth on our behalf at the convention.

We were thrilled that we achieved the following:

- During the supportive discussion about our resolution for an independent audit of Corporation Sole, Bishop Bruno agreed to share the results of the annual Corporation Sole audit with all who request the information. This is a bold step forward for transparency and accountability within our diocese. Previously, the Bishop was the only person to review the details of the audit of his discretionary fund.
- Delegates on the convention floor presented and approved a motion to establish a review board of past Standing Committee Presidents to investigate all properties currently held in Corporation Sole and determine whether they should be transferred back to the Corporation of the Diocese for greater oversight and protection. We believe this is essential for all churches that are home to active parish and mission congregations as well as schools.
- With only two days of presenting the information about our crisis at St. James the Great, an astounding 205 delegates voted to overturn Bishop Bruno's decision to sell our property and stop the sale to Legacy Residential Partners. Their 'yes' votes also called for Bishop Bruno reinstate Rev. Canon Cindy Voorhees at St. James the Great and reopen the church doors to the congregation. While the 205 votes were not enough to win the resolution, we were honored and appreciative of the tremendous support from the diocese at large.

Most importantly, we stood together as a vibrant family in Christ at convention. We showed our commitment and strength as a positive community eager to share information and proffer a solution to our current situation and provide recommendations for positive change in our diocese.