

A Summer Writing Contest

Grace asked me recently about the "back story" of our frog, Bishop Ribbit. She wondered how a frog became a bishop or, conversely, how a bishop became a frog. That question has inspired a summer writing contest for the parish. I invite all budding authors to submit a story, poem, or picture that explains how Bishop Ribbit came to be. One can try to answer that question from the viewpoint of a frog becoming a bishop or from the viewpoint of a bishop becoming a frog. Entries will be judged on creativity, humor, pathos, passion, and, of course, grammar and spelling - if one uses words and sentences. The first prize is publication in "The Chimes" and a dinner for four on Bainbridge Island. Second prize is also publication in "The Chimes" and ice cream at Mora's for the winner and family.

Aspiring authors may wish to read "Wind in the Willows," Kenneth Grahame's wonderful story of animal life in the Thames Valley, especially the character of Toad of Toad Hall. Other famous frogs that might be an inspiration include Kermit the Frog, Trevor the Frog (from Harry Potter novels), and Dan'l Webster from Mark Twain's story of the jumping frogs of Calaveras County.

Stu Case has already submitted his extremely short story - one line, actually - "A kiss gone wrong." I look forward to reading the entries.

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