

The 18th Presentation of Honored Women
By the Episcopal Church Women
In the Diocese of Louisiana

Recognized for her ministry and service in the Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ

FAY ATKINSON

Acknowledged at the 127th ECW Annual Gathering

May 3, 2014
Grace Memorial Church
Hammond, Louisiana

Fay Atkinson is a native New Orleanean and was a member of Trinity Church in New Orleans. She graduated from St. Martin's Episcopal School in Metairie and was confirmed at St. Martin's Episcopal Church. Fay and her husband, Robert Atkinson, have four children and two grandchildren.

The family moved to Baton Rouge twenty-two years ago where she became a member of Trinity Church. She has generously given her time and energy actively participating in church life. Her love of children made her a gifted Sunday school teacher for fourteen years. She feels fellowship is an important component of the Church so she volunteered to be the chair of the Coffee Hostesses. She was elected to serve on the Vestry for a three year term by the members of Trinity Church. Her leadership style is understated but she definitely gets things done.

As a member of the Diocesan Board of the Episcopal Church Women, Fay has held numerous positions. She has served as Chairman of the Baton Rouge Deanery as well as Recording Secretary. She represented the Diocese of Louisiana at the Province IV Women's Conference at Kanuga in North Carolina. Fay currently serves as a United Thank Offering representative. She generously opened her home to the Friday Night Reception of the Episcopal Church Women for an Annual Gathering in Baton Rouge.

Fay is known by all for her warm and gracious manner. During times of challenges to her health, Fay demonstrated personal courage and commitment by continued participation in church work. She has long been a source of support and leadership for Episcopal Church Women and the Episcopal Church of Louisiana.

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Katherine Bickham

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Katherine “Kat-T” is a founding member of All Saints Church in River Ridge. She has been an instrumental part of the congregation for over fifty years. Prior to her active life at All Saints, Kat-T was equally important to the life of St. John’s Church in Kenner. A devoted Episcopal Church Woman, she served as president of the ECW at both St. John’s and at All Saints. She has held many other ECW offices as well. At St. John’s, Kat-T helped publish the parish newspaper and organized many hospitality dinners there. Her hospitality skills grew even more prominent at All Saints where she and the other ladies began the famous All Saints La Bonne Cuisine annual dinners. The dinners led to the creation of La Bonne Cuisine cookbooks which funded the current church building and offices as well as providing thousands of dollars to diocesan mission work. She also helped plan All Saints’ early church building, which is now the elegant Morris Hall.

Her love of flowers led her to begin the All Saints’ Flower Guild and she has served as its chair for many years. She continues as chair of Hospitality and is the resident, year round “interior decorator”.

Kat-T is a past vestry member of All Saints. She also served on the diocesan ECW board as liaison to Church Women United and was a delegate to many ECW Annual Gatherings.

Her service extends into the community at large. Kat-T has participated in the civic organization, “Women for a Better Louisiana”. She also contributes her time, goods and services as a volunteer for the care of abused women and children in Jefferson Parish.

Her devoted service to the church as been exemplary and she is indeed a long-standing Honored Woman at All Saints.

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Harriet Murrell

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Harriet was a 26 year-old Lutheran from North Carolina who relocated to New Orleans and became a part of Trinity Episcopal Church in New Orleans. She was confirmed by Bishop Girault Jones and has been actively involved in all aspects of church life at Trinity and in the Diocese of Louisiana.

Her first chairmanship was with St. Monica's Chapter of the Women of Trinity Church which included everything from washing vestments, entertaining choir members to preparing and serving countless meals in the kitchen. Her exceptional skills were recognized and it wasn't long before Harriet became the first woman elected Senior Warden of Trinity church. Throughout her more than fifty years at Trinity, she has served in volunteer and elected positions and as a staff member. Harriet joined the Order of Vergers and served as verger at Trinity for several years. She was elected as an alternate deputy and as a deputy to General Convention from the Diocese of Louisiana.

Bishop Charles Jenkins appointed Harriet to serve as Director of the diocesan School for Ministry, a program of educational studies for those in the discernment process for vocational ministry. He also appointed her to serve as Office Administrator for the Bishop Noland Diocesan Center in New Orleans.

Harriet is actively involved in her work as the diocesan Archivist which involves the responsibility of the care of the official documents and records of the Diocese of Louisiana. As such, she is a member of the Episcopal Church's Archivists association. She also serves on the Diocesan Board of the Episcopal Church Women as a member-at-large.

Harriett has also been active in the community, having served as Director of Guest Services at Ochsner Hospital for almost 20 years.

Harriet's wonderful family has been supportive of her devotion to the Church throughout her many years of service. She has given generously of her time and talent and bears witness to her ministries at Trinity Church and in the Diocese of Louisiana.