



Janet O'Flynn and the Rev. Donnel O'Flynn

working to build a trade school in Haiti.

"My real work in Haiti was providing support for Janet as she did heroic labors," O'Flynn said.

The new department she is establishing will provide trained occupational and physical therapists in a country where these professions "barely exist but are greatly needed," he added.

Rev. O'Flynn taught English to nursing students and assisted at the local Episcopal parish.

Coming back to Montana has been a longtime dream for O'Flynn. He was born in Helena but his parents have strong ties to Kalispell.

"I am looking forward to

being in this majestic natural setting and also becoming part of the community," he said. "I'm eager to be part of a spiritual community that nurtures and also reaches out. Christ Church seems to do both. The parish makes an impact in the lives of its members, and also in the social fabric of the town. Being in the middle of so much faith, hope and love should be extremely rewarding."

O'Flynn graduated from Virginia Theological Seminary in 1985, and received his bachelor's degree at St. John's College in Annapolis, Maryland, in 1974. He was ordained as a deacon in 1985 at Washington National Cathedral, and was ordained as a priest in 1986 at Christ Church in New Haven, Connecticut.

Christ Church's Aug. 28 service is a choral Eucharist at 9 a.m. Mark Railey will direct the choir and play the church's pipe organ, one of the oldest in the Flathead Valley. The public is invited and a pot luck will follow.

Christ Church Episcopal is located at 215 Third Ave. E. in Kalispell. For more information, call 406-257-6182.

Episcopal church welcomes new priest

Christ Church Episcopal in Kalispell has announced the Rev. Donnel O'Flynn will be the parish's new priest. O'Flynn's first service at Christ Church is Sunday, Aug. 28.

O'Flynn is a native of Helena and is the former rector at St. Thomas Church in Hamilton, New York. O'Flynn and his wife, Janet, have been