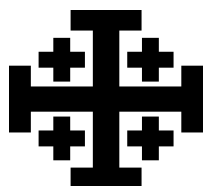


# The Communique

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A newsletter for the parishioners of St. Ann Catholic Parish



## Prayer on the Go!

Almighty God, bless our nation. Make it true to the ideas of freedom and justice.

Be close to our leaders. Give them vision and courage.

Make this great land and all its people know clearly Your will.

*Amen.*

## Diocese of Dallas Bishop's Capital Campaign

The Catholic Diocese of Dallas was founded in 1890, and is celebrating its 125th anniversary in 2015. As we count down to this historic milestone, Bishop Kevin Farrell and community lay leaders have met with our parishes, people and organizations and have commissioned studies to determine our most important needs for today and the future. As a result, a \$125 million Capital Campaign has been established called OUR FAITH... OUR FUTURE. This Campaign will raise the funds necessary to effectively address the needs of St. Ann Catholic Church, the

Catholic Diocese of Dallas and to establish an achievable plan for the future of our parishes, schools, vocations and seminary activities; the restoration of the landmark Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe and to expand Catholic Charities.

### **Overall Campaign Goal: \$125 million**

Capital Campaign uses include \$50 million for Catholic Schools, \$40 million for Parishes, \$18 million for Vocations, \$12 million for the Cathedral and \$5 million for Catholic Charities.



*Our Faith... Our Future*  
DIOCESE OF DALLAS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUND  
OF THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

Building Tomorrow's Parish Today

As part of the overall Capital Campaign, St. Ann Parish has been given a goal to raise \$4.56 million as part of the overall \$125 million goal.

St. Ann will benefit from 30% of the amount raised up to \$4.56 million (and 70% thereafter) for specific projects that include the renovation of the East wing of the St. Ann Center, amongst others.

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## Jottings from Fr. Henry

### *Musings from the Pastor:*

I am writing this article in the third week of May. The first half of the month of May had many of us busy with First Holy Communion and Confirmation celebrations. We filled the church six times on two different Saturdays for First Holy Communion. We filled the church four times on May 16<sup>th</sup> for the Sacrament of Confirmation. I am so grateful for those who are engaged in Sacramental preparation for our children and youth.

Also, on April 4, during the Easter Vigil, once again we had a large number of adults who were baptized and an even larger number who were fully initiated through the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

Liturgically, we just concluded the Easter Season with the celebration of Pentecost on May 24<sup>th</sup>. We are now in what we call 'Ordinary Time'. This is the way the Church describes Ordinary Time: "Besides the times of the year that have their own distinctive character, there remains in

the yearly cycle thirty three or thirty four weeks in which no particular aspect of the mystery of Christ is celebrated, but rather the mystery of Christ itself is honored in its fullness, especially on Sundays. This period is known as Ordinary Time." It is called "Ordinary" time because it is "ordered" by starting with week one and ending with week 33 or 34.

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Mass Times

Sat Anticipatory 5:00 pm  
Sunday 8:00 am  
10:00 am  
12 Noon  
& 4:30 pm  
(a High School Ministry Mass)

Spanish Mass (Main Church)  
2:00 pm  
Domingos-en Español 7:00 pm

Weekday Masses  
Mon—Fri 7:00am, 12Noon  
Sat 8:00 am

Reconciliation  
Directly after the Sat 8am Mass,  
Tuesday 7:00pm,  
or by Appointment

## Building Tomorrow's Parish Today

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The time has come for us to make history, to enact transformational change in our Diocese, through the hands of Christ.

Please consider the following Diocese facts when discerning your participation in the Our Faith...Our Future Campaign:

\* We are larger than many archdioceses with more than 1.3 million Catholics

\* The Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe is the 2nd largest cathedral congregation in the United States

\* Collectively, our schools educate 14,752 students

\* Currently, our parishes each minister to as many as 8,000 families weekly and new parishes are needed

\* The Seminary is filled to capacity with an outstanding number of seminarians being trained to serve our future Church

\* Catholic Charities provides assistance to tens of thousands of people in need annually

The Diocese of Dallas was built on the sacrifices and dedication of those who came before us. Now it's our turn to make an

investment in the future of the Catholic Church in our community.

Please join Bishop Farrell and a united Catholic community by making a meaningful financial commitment to Our Faith... Our Future. Together, we will continue to build a strong, proud Catholic Community in the Diocese of Dallas. If you haven't been contacted yet, pledge cards will be available at all Masses the weekend of September 19 and 20.

*Contributed by Pete & Pauline Stein  
Campaign Chairs*

## Jottings from the Pastor

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Our famous Carnival is coming very soon!!! It's a wonderful opportunity for us to welcome many surrounding communities to join us for fun rides, music, talent, crafts and delicious food. Maybe I will win the car this year! See you there September 11, 12 and 13.

Most of you know that we are in the midst of a Major Capital Campaign that benefits the Diocese and our parish. You will find details about the Our Faith...Our Future Campaign in other pages of this Communique. I am overwhelmed with the success we are having so far. With under 200 pledges in, St. Ann already has over \$3,500,000 pledged toward our goal of \$4,560,000. We would like to go beyond the \$4,560,000 goal. We get to keep 30% of the \$4,560,000. However, we get to keep 70% of any funds we raise over the

\$4,560,000. So there is great motivation to go beyond the goal set for us. We will continue to give you information about the campaign and we will be having some receptions soon to give many of you an opportunity to participate. There will be an in-pew pledge Sunday on September 19 and 20 to give everyone an opportunity to contribute.

May God bless you and keep you in His care!

Yours sincerely,

Henry V. Petter  
Pastor

P.S. Ever since I have been ordained 39 years ago, I have made it a habit to pick up trash on my parish grounds. As I walk on the grounds from one

facility to another, I pick up trash I find on my way. I give myself a virtual 10 cents every time I pick up a piece of trash. I have been averaging 2-3 dollars a day lately on the St. Ann grounds! I have let other groups of people know this and now there are several groups, including the staff, boy scouts and the pre-school that have been organizing "trash pick-up" times. Wouldn't it be great if we all thought twice before we throw trash on the ground so we could keep our grounds looking beautiful?



## St. Ann — Sending Forth Disciples

St. Ann is in the process of implementing a new Strategic Plan that includes an effort to be more intentional about how we as a parish carry out the charge of Jesus to “make disciples of all nations.” As we forge ahead, it is also important to recognize and celebrate the many ways the Lord has used St. Ann to raise up and send out young disciples into the world to serve Christ and the Church.

Below is a list of some of the more recent examples of young people growing as disciples in the St. Ann community and responding to a call to go forth to make disciples of others. This is not an exhaustive list as we have so many people who are living lives of holiness in all professions and states of life. This list includes some of the more recent young people in a specific role of service to the church:

### **Priests:**

**Abbot Greg Murphy, O.P.** – While Abbot Murphy didn’t grow up as a child at St. Ann, his family did move here during an important time of his discernment of the religious life. His family is a pillar of our community and we claim him as our own!

**Fr. Edwin Leonard** – priest for Diocese of Dallas, currently serving as Director of Vocations

**Fr. Zach Webb** – priest for Diocese of Dallas, currently serving as Parochial Vicar at Mary Immaculate in Farmer’s Branch

**Fr. Bryan Ketterer** – priest for the Diocese of Tulsa, serving as Parochial Vicar at St. Benedict Parish in Broken Arrow, OK

### **Seminarians:**

**Emmett Hall** – Seminarian for Diocese of Dallas; Currently studying at North American College in Rome. Will be ordained as a Transitional Deacon later this year

**Michael Baynham** – Seminarian for Diocese of Dallas; Currently studying Theology at Catholic University in Washington D.C.

**Ryan Haeshutter** – Seminarian for Diocese of Dallas; graduated and will be studying Theology at Catholic Univ in Wash D.C.

**Andres Felipe Angulo** – In formation with the Apostles of the Immaculate Heart and the Divine Mercy

### **Entering Seminary in Fall 2015:**

**Sam Ford** – Entering seminary at the Univ of Dallas, Fall 2015

**Nick Shelton** - Entering seminary at Univ of Dallas, Fall 2015

### **Brothers:**

**Brother Jimmy Garrity** – at Clear Creek Monastery in Okla.

### **Female Religious:**

**Jill Dominy** – Entering Regnum Christi consecrated life

### **Ministry/Theology:**

**Manny Barraza** – Missionary with Adore Ministries serving Inner City youth in Houston

**Anthony D’Ambrosio** – Minister of Music and Youth at St. Francis Catholic Church in Frisco, TX

**Marcellino D’Ambrosio** – Catholic Campus Minister at SMU

**Kelly Schueler** – Theology teacher at JP II High School in Plano

**Paul Kolker** – Theology teacher at Jesuit Prep in Dallas

**Michelle Gagne** – Mission and Social Awareness Officer at Catholic Charities Dallas

**Andrea Bonilla** – Middle School Youth Minister at St. John Vianney in Houston, TX

**Maresa Kolker** – Theology teacher at Bish Lynch High School

**Lauren Koath** – Youth Minister at Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church in Houston

**Lauren Wright** – New missionary with Adore Ministries serving at St. Bridget Catholic Church in Rockford, Illinois

**Tim Jara** – Graduating from Franciscan University in May 2015. Just accepted job as Director of Youth Ministry at St. Helen’s in Georgetown, TX

### **University Students Pursuing Degrees for work in Ministry:**

**Hayden Weaver** – Studying at Franciscan University

**Alex McGinnis** – Studying at Franciscan University

**Jeff Baynham** – Completing MA in Theology from Ave Maria University this May

**Kristin Diguette** – Studying at Franciscan University

### **Young Adults who Discerned a Call to Ministry while serving as adults at St. Ann:**

**Josh Schwartz** – Director of Young Adult Ministry at Prince of Peace in Plano

**Brian Baudoin** – Coordinator of Faith Formation at St. Mary Magdalene in Flint, TX

**Mary Chapman** – Coordinator of High School Youth Ministry at Good Shepherd Catholic Community in Colleyville, TX

**JP Regan** – Seminarian for the Diocese of Cleveland, OH

### **Young Adults Currently Serving as Missionaries:**

**Sarah Goulas** – Missionary with FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) at Oklahoma State University

**Katie Leonard** – Working for N.E.T. (Nat’l Evangelization Teams)

**Marci Perez** – Giving year as missionary at Santissimo Sacramento parish in Piura, Peru

**Lindsey Wynn** – Giving year as missionary at Santissimo Sacramento parish in Piura, Peru

**Patrick Gothman** – Works for *Farm of the Child* in Honduras (Catholic ministry devoted to restoring lives of orphaned children)

**Rebecca Zamora** – New Missionary with St. Paul’s Outreach

In addition to the named above, we are blessed at St. Ann to have *countless young men and women*, who live and serve as active disciples and members of the church in their various states of life.

*Contributed by Kurt Klement*

## Cub Scouts

Cub Scout Pack 820 is looking forward to an awesome summer, as we have had one amazing spring! From the Pinewood Derby and Clean Up St. Ann to Campout and Blue & Gold, our scouts actively participated all spring! At the top of that list for the boys is the campout at Dinosaur Valley State Park. It takes a village to organize and this year did not disappoint! Even though rain and high waters threatened to take away from the fun, our boys, leaders, and parents rallied together to make the best of the experience. All emulated scouting values of being **helpful** by staying behind to help when unexpected hitches occurred, **reverence** through celebration of Mass in a beautiful outdoor setting together as a Pack, and **cheerful** in the face of bad weather warnings. So many great memories! Another favorite spring event for both the boys and families was our annual Blue & Gold banquet. Our amazing event coordinators put together a night to remember with a western theme and awesome barbeque. The boys put on skits, told jokes, and watched as even the adults paraded their

“talent” on the stage. We celebrated and said goodbye to 18 Welbelos scouts as they earned their Arrow of Light and officially transitioned to Boy Scouts. We wish them the best in their scouting careers! If you know someone interested in joining Cub Scouts and Pack 820, please email [membership@pack820.com](mailto:membership@pack820.com) or call Cubmaster Daniel Gieselman at 469-360-0067.

*Contributed by Dan & Stephanie Gieselman*



## Parish Stewardship Council

The St. Ann Parish Stewardship Council (PSC) began 2015 with our annual discernment process for new council members. We are so very blessed to have 9 new members join the PSC to share their time and talent for the benefit of the St. Ann community: Jesse Bares, Chris Blackwell, Fernie Fuentes, Nina Guajardo, Susan Isenhower, Christy MacMaster, Audrey Muse, Greg Muse, Andres Ochoa. We are so thankful to these folks for sharing their God-given gifts and talents with the PSC!

Like all of the leadership at St. Ann, the PSC is dedicated to supporting the St. Ann Strategic Plan. The council members are currently focused on efforts to welcome visitors and new parishioners to the St. Ann community.

The PSC is identifying ways that we can be welcoming disciples of Christ to reach out and further build the St. Ann community. While we are already a warm and welcoming community, we are seeking ways to improve on this as the parish continues to grow.

As you may know, the focus of the PSC is to help the St. Ann community understand and live their commitment to a life of stewardship. We are all blessed with gifts from God and are called to share those gifts with one another in gratitude to our blessed Creator. Know that we are always grateful for the many ways our St. Ann community shares their gifts!

*Contributed by JL Radford-Williard  
PSC Co-Chair*



**STEWARDSHIP**  
— A WAY OF LIFE —

## Sisters in Christ

Sisters in Christ has been a ministry for 13 or so years at St Ann. As our parish grows we are trying to grow as a ministry. Currently we have 3 new groups starting and hopefully will have more by the fall.

Groups of St Ann ladies meet in rotating homes to share fellowship, study their Catholic faith and pray. We then come together as a whole to meet share and invite new members. Sisters in Christ hosts an Advent Brunch, a Spring Retreat and is planning a Fall Des-

sert or Tea event to welcome new members and kick off the year. Watch for info in the bulletin.

We are currently looking for new leaders to lead new groups so if you think you are called to do so in the fall contact Gina Cassidy 214-766-6878 and of course if you are interested in getting into a group either now or for fall give me a call.

*Contributed by Gina Cassidy*

## Adult Faith Formation — New Program

This Fall, Adult Faith Formation will begin a new program, **Faith + Fe**, to help adults learn more about their faith. We are working in cooperation with the Children's R.E. Program to schedule classes during the Children's Religious Education Class times. This will allow parents the opportunity to attend these classes to help them deepen their faith too. These classes will be offered in both English and Spanish.

This first year we will be reviewing the "Symbolon" program. This series will explain your Catholic faith in a vibrant, relevant

manner with 20 compelling sessions to help guide parishioners through the breadth and richness of their Catholic faith. It is presented by some of the most trusted Catholic teachers in the world with unique video. These sessions will view a DVD then share as small groups the topics discussed. This is open to all parishioners who may wish to attend.

Watch for more information and sign up to learn more about your faith.

*Contributed by Tena Allain*



Este otoño, el departamento de Formación de Fe para Adultos estará ofreciendo un programa nuevo, Faith + Fe, para ayudar a los adultos a aprender más sobre su fe. Estamos trabajando en colaboración con el programa de Educación Religiosa para Niños para proveer clases durante el mismo horario que asisten los niños a sus sesiones. Esto permitirá a los padres la oportunidad de asistir a estas clases para ayudar a profundizar su fe y también para evangelizar más a su familia. Las clases se ofrecerán en inglés y español.

En este primer año estaremos revisando el programa

"Symbolon." Este programa consiste de 20 sesiones que ayuda a explicar la riqueza de la fe católica en una manera vibrante. Las sesiones son presentadas en video (DVD) por algunos de los profesores católicos más reconocidos en el mundo. Después se reúnen en pequeños grupos para compartir sobre los temas discutidos. Este programa está abierto a todos los feligreses que deseen asistir.

Manténgase atento para recibir más información e inscribábase para aprender más acerca de su fe.

## St. Paula's Patrons, Widows' Ministry

St. Paula's Patrons continues to grow with the addition of six new members. We are scheduling five events a month, trying to add extra activities when appropriate.

In March our quarterly meeting was held with a western theme. Fr. Kevin entertained us playing his guitar and singing which we all enjoyed. Our guest speaker, Traphene Hickman, who is a member of the Dallas Storytellers Guild told us "tall tales" from her childhood. She entertained us all with her humorous delivery and her red Stetson hat!

For the fourth year, SPP members were the weekly setup crew for the Lenten Dinners, attended Stations and shared laughs and camaraderie at dinner. We continue to volunteer through work and donation support for various ministries, i.e. Magi Ministry, Homeless Under the Bridge (food, clothing, toiletries and towel donations) and Newborns in Need. For the second year, we made Christmas presents for the homeless by bagging food, toiletries and miscellaneous items. It was our way of letting them know someone does care.

"Threads of Hope" is flourishing through the making of dresses for children in third world countries. Fr. Patrick has helped us ship the items to Nigeria by introducing us to an agent who delivers a container there regularly. The agent has started a school in Nigeria and is shipping our items free with donations of school supplies and books for his school. Over the past 4 years, we have sent over 3000 dresses, shorts, purses and Beanie Babies to Honduras, Zimbabwe, Nigeria, Laredo, and India. This is an ongoing project with the goal of offering hope and love to the most destitute of children in communities around the world.

We continue to seek new members to help widows in their transition from married life to widowhood – "branching out" into a new phase of life.

*Contributed by Martha Shafferman*



Celebrating with the New Initiate in the Catholic Church



Presents for Homeless Under the Bridge



Fr. Kevin entertaining at the March Quarterly Meeting

## Spiritual Thoughts from Deacon Ed

### My Alphabet Relationship with God

I \_\_\_\_\_ God (Fill in the blank with the words below)

A	adore	acknowledge	agree with	ask of
B	bless	bow down to	believe in	
C	choose	cherish	collaborate with	count on
D	desire	defer to	discover	
E	exalt my	emulate		
F	follow	am For	have Faith in	
G	glorify	am Grateful to		
H	honor	hear	hope in	
I	interact with	invoke	investigate	
J	am Justified by	joke with		
K	am Known by	keep in touch with		
L	love	live for	learn about	listen for
M	meditate on	misplace	move toward	
N	need	nag		
O	obey	observe		
P	praise	pray to	petition	
Q	query			
R	revere	rest in	reach for	
S	study	serve	sing for	seek
T	trust	thank	treasure	turn to
U	am in Union with	am Unique to		
V	venerate	value		
W	worship	want	wrestle with	work for
X	extol	examine		
Y	yearn for	yield to		
Z	am Zealous for			

#### SPIRITUAL HAIKUs

- \* Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, have mercy on me a sinner.
- \* Infuse me, Holy Spirit. Take away my Evil Inclinations.
- \* God grant me tender mercies, amazing graces, and precious blessings.
- \* The Lord giveth; the Lord taketh away. Blessed be the name of the Lord.
- \* I will give God all honor, glory and praise for the rest of my life.

*(A haiku is a Japanese poem structure wherein the poem has seventeen, and only seventeen, syllables. It does not have to rhyme. I really enjoyed putting the five haiku together for you. Please use them as prayer starters and/or points to ponder during your meditation time.)*

Contributed by Deacon Ed Scarbrough  
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## Certificates awarded by the Diocese of Dallas

We were pleased to award the *Master Catechist Certificate* to two individuals: **Jackie Stewart** and **Ramiro Garza**. This achievement is a testament to their willingness to learn more about their faith so that they can be better formed to serve as a catechist in our parish.

The Diocese of Dallas implemented the Master Catechists certification 6 years ago to provide catechists with more in-depth formation and education, enabling them to grow in the understanding of their faith, and to better equip them for task of catechesis. This program requires 150 hours of course time with subjects covering religious education teaching methodology, Scripture, Theology, Church History, the Catechism, Church documents, as well as, courses dedicated for personal growth and maturity.

The courses are part of the Continuing Catechetical Formation Plan and are taught

by approved Diocesan instructors. Courses are offered throughout the year and are open to all parishioners.

In addition, **Tena Allain** also received her certificate in the *Catechetical Leadership Formation Program*. This required 250 additional hours of courses given by the Diocese of Dallas and their online partnership, the University of Dayton. This program is designed for ministry leaders to help develop their ministerial skills, provide basic theology formation and it also meets the requirements of the United States Bishops Conference to provide effective parish leadership.

Join us in congratulating these individuals on their tremendous accomplishments as we look forward to their continued leadership and their service at St. Ann Parish.

*Contributed by Marie Zavala*



Tena Allain, Continuing Catechetical Formation Coordinator, presents Ramiro Garza with Master Catechist Certificate.

## Stephen Ministry is here!

Christ caring for people through people—that's what St. Ann's new Stephen Ministry is all about. The twenty-one parishioners who persevered through five months and fifty hours of training were commissioned on June 13<sup>th</sup> and are well-prepared to serve anyone who is going through a time of discouragement, transition, grief or loneliness. Stephen Ministers are trained lay volunteers who are good listeners, committed to confidentiality, and supervised for quality care. They are prayerful companions, ready to offer God's love through a one-on-one caring relationship.

Thanks to the vision of Fr. Henry, who launched Stephen Ministry in the fall of 2014, these individuals have answered the

call and are prepared to serve:

**Louise Tate, Terrie Ratcliffe, Andrea Patton, Glen Morante, Francis Mascarenhas, Susan Ketterer, Bruce Kaluza, Judy Humphreyson, Marcia Honer, Maryellen Holbrook, Terri Hayes, Pete Hayes, Chris Guzniczak, Wilma Guillory, Mary Duran, Rick Cook, Cathy Chomout, Lupita Castelan, Paul Carter, Dyann Bernard and Lief Benson.**

**So if YOU are in need...** of a caring, Christian friend who will listen, empathize, encourage, pray, provide confidential care and support as you work through a crisis or a difficult time...

**Or you KNOW someone...** perhaps a friend, neighbor, co-worker, colleague or relative who could benefit from this type of care...

**Then contact...** Maureen O'Malley (972-401-3334) or Diane Piper (972-393-4511)

*Contributed by Maureen O'Malley*





## St. Ann Parish Staff News

WELCOME Michael Valera to the parish administration staff as Information Content Coordinator.

Michael joined us part time last December to assist with the assembling and publishing the weekly parish bulletin. On April 1, 2015 he was made full time with expanded duties that include:

- Weekly Sunday Bulletin (English & Spanish)
- Parish Communications: written, web, social media, etc...
- I.T. support

Born in Mesquite, TX, Michael was raised in Rowlett. He grew up attending St. Michael's Catholic Church. He met his wife, Rebecca, at a youth retreat and they were married in 2010. Currently Michael and Rebecca have 2 boys and 1 girl -- Maximilian Pio, Angelica Eve, and Anthony Blaise Valera.

The Valera's are parishioners at St. Joseph in Richardson. Michael likes to learn how to develop apps, watching the Mavericks play, and playing the guitar, piano, and drums. He and Rebecca lead the Lifeteen band at St. Michael, lead worship on St. Ann in Kaufman confirmation retreats, and volunteer every year at Youth 2000 in Fort Worth. He also enjoys spending time with family and friends.

Michael is very happy to be on board at St. Ann and working for God. Although he does have a long commute to work every day, he did comment "I've never before gone to work where I said to myself, 'where I work at is beautiful'".

*Contributed by Jennifer Lindsey*



## Around the Parish

Have you noticed the new Welcome / Information Booth at the back of the main church in the narthex? It was designed to be a destination for visitors and new parishioners to gather information about St. Ann Catholic Parish and the our 100+ ministries. This new area is manned by the St. Ann Greeter Ministry.

For information on how to become a St. Ann 'greeter', contact Tom Samson (tfsamson@gmail.com) or Mary Sprong (msprong001@gmail.com).

*Contributed by Dave Lukeman*



## Christ Renews His Parish (Team 30)

### Assembled by God

When too much time has passed there are many things you can't go back to, however, this is not true for CRHP 30.

CRHP 30 was formed the weekend of April-23-24, 2005 and since then has built a prayerful bond of support for each other through good times and times of struggle. As one would expect over the course of ten years, a few sisters have moved away while others are called to focus on their vocation to family and work. Team 30 has become a sisterhood of women who would continue to pour out love and concern for each other while continuing their support and faithfulness to St. Ann Catholic Parish.

God has truly cast His blessings upon Team 30 throughout the past ten years as they've continued faith-filled book studies on a yearly basis of which special guests such as Fr. Mark, Fr. Alphonse, Fr. Patrick, and Monica Ashour have encouraged them to continue on their spiritual journey. The year culminates on a festive note as they join each other for Christmas celebration.

In late March 2015, CRHP Team 30 celebrated their 10-yr reunion with most attending Saturday Mass together and extending the evening with a night filled with food, laughter while reminiscing about the weekend Jesus chose to unite them as one.

*Contributed by Nicole Ameris*



From bottom left to right: Gayle Vittitoe, Samantha Smith, Gloria Pemberton, Norma Ansell, their Spiritual Dir. Maria Pouwels, Vickie Arriola, Linda Weiland, Laurie Dennis, Denise Koch, Nicole Ameris, Kris Ollom, Resa Todd, Jo-Claire Markham, Anita Green, & Michele Pitman.

## 20 Year CRHP / CRSP Celebration Reunion Mass

ATTENTION: CRHP/CRSP brothers and sisters,

I hope this quick message finds you all well! Please help me to start spreading the news:

This year CRHP is celebrating 20 years and CRSP is marking 15 years at St. Ann and we will be holding a bilingual mass concelebrated by Fr. Stephen and Fr. Henry with all men and women of CRHP and CRSP in attendance. Mark your calendar for Saturday, June 27, 2015 at 8am in the Main Church, followed by a light breakfast and brief address by Fr. Stephen in the assembly room for all men and women of past and current CRHP/CRSP teams.

Keep an eye on the bulletin for further information. We hope to see you there!

Please pass this along to anyone you know that has gone through CRHP/CRSP! Start gathering your teams, pull out your team shirts, and plan to be present!

Many prayers and blessings!

*Contributed by Renee Riles  
CRHP 64*

## Building Tomorrow's Parish Today: FOCUS on Special Needs Ministry



Through our strategic plan, *Building Tomorrow's Parish Today*, St. Ann Catholic community is embracing our bold vision as a dynamic parish where people encounter Jesus in a powerful and personal way leading to transformed lives of healing, discipleship and service. That vision includes all members of our parish, most especially our families with children and young adults with special needs.

*All persons with disabilities have the capacity to proclaim the Gospel and to be living witnesses to its truth within the community of faith and offer valuable gifts. Their involvement enriches every aspect of Church life.*

### National Directory for Catechesis

*Building Tomorrow's Parish Today* means that we must ensure that we are addressing the spiritual, catechetical and fellowship needs of the entire community, including those with Special Needs. A Special Needs Work Group (SNWG) was created to explore how we might best do this at St. Ann. The members of the group, which

includes volunteers and staff, have an interest and experience in working with those who have special needs. The group has been meeting over several months setting its focus, gathering information and developing an action plan.

One of the first steps is to understand whom we need to serve in our parish community. The SNWG is developing an electronic and in-pew survey to gather this information. The survey will also include opportunities for parishioners to give input on how we might best serve. We will implement this survey parish wide this coming fall.

The information gathered will be used to develop a more robust special needs ministry. The first stage will be enhancing the current Children's Religious Education opportunities. Our hope is that this ministry can then be expanded to older youths as well as parent support.

Please keep this important work in your prayers.

*Contributed by Debbie Matalone*

*Let us go forth, then, let us go forth to offer everyone the life of Jesus Christ*  
Pope Francis



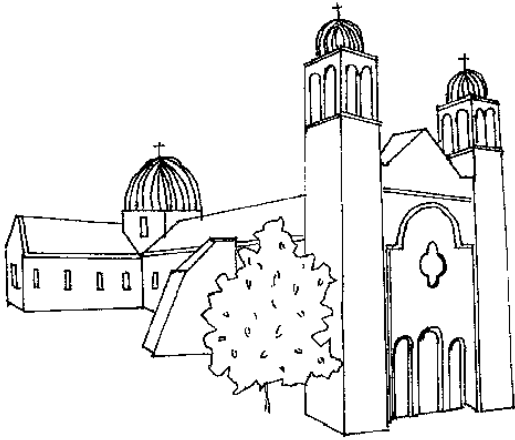
(seated left to right): Nora Grina, Debbie Kaluza, Kristen Haelele  
(standing left to right): Mike Zaleski, , Debbie Gonzales, Judy Edelbrock, Debbie Magee, Ashley Lowe  
Not pictured: Patty Guzman, Shannon Manley, Debbie Matalone, Sarah Meyer, Lori Ring, Resa Todd

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## Upcoming Events

### June

- 15-25 — Angel Creek Preschool Summer Camp
- 12-20 — Young Adult Peru Mission
- 14 — Flag Day
- 15-18 — S.A.Y. Mission Possible
- 21 — Father's Day
- 26-28 — Steubenville South Conf.
- 28 — **2nd Collection: Peter's Pence** (*Works of the Holy Father*)
- 28 — KofC Pancake Breakfast

### July

- 3 — Parish offices closed
- 4 — Independence Day
- 6-10 — S.A.Y. Summer
- 6-10 — Vacation Bible School
- 10-17 — High School Ministry Laredo Mission Trip

- 19 — **2nd Collection: Solidarity for the Church in Africa**
- 26 — **Feast of St. Ann**
- 26 — KofC Pancake Breakfast

### August

- 6 — Transfiguration of Our Lord
- 15 — **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** — Holy Day (not a day of obligation)
- 15 — Ministry Lead Retreat
- 22 — CRE, BRE, SS: August Institute
- 24 — Sing Praise
- 29 — Mass of Anointing
- 30 — High School Ministry Kickoff
- 30 — KofC Pancake Breakfast

### September

- 2 — REBOOT! LIVE!
- 6 — **2nd Collection: The Catholic University of America**
- 7 — Labor Day (parish offices closed)
- 11, 12, & 13 — St. Ann Community Carnival
- 19 & 20 — Christ Renews His Parish (Men's weekend)
- 14-17 — BRE & CRE classes begin
- 16 — Wednesday night S.A.Y. Kick-off
- 20 — Sunday night S.A.Y. Kickoff
- 20 — Sunday School begins
- 21 — Sing Praise
- 27 — Special Needs CRE begins
- 27 — KofC Pancake Breakfast

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