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Subject: Pastoral Assistant's Report

Adult Faith Formation

The work of the DISCOVERING CHRIST Team continues yielding good results. Since my last report relevant teachings covered have included: **What does Jesus want us to know, Why do I need a Savior, Why is the Resurrection Important for Us, and New life in the Spirit-Being a Catholic disciple.** In addition there were 30 who participated on Saturday, May 11th in the **Discovering Christ Retreat at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.** The day consisted of 2 teachings on the Holy Spirit, witnesses, songs, great meals, an opportunity for all to invite the Holy Spirit into our lives (actualizing the gifts received at baptism) and to be prayed over. The conclusion and summit of the day which began mid-afternoon was a Mass offered by Father Stephan. Kerry Roberson and I as well as many team members are seeing wonderful transformations in the faith lives of those participating in the series to date. It is our prayer that these graces will benefit all the people of God at Our Lady of the Assumption Church. More on this in my next report.

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Ecumenical Outreach

Middletown is having its 125 year celebration during our Centennial year. The Greater Middletown Interfaith Council has been asked to conduct a 90 minute service at Festival Square on Sunday June 23 at 3:00 pm. The theme will center around '**Community**'. Along with the many houses of worship that will be participating, at this time Fr. Sunny has been asked to record the event, Gail Johnson will be involved in some way musically, and I will be participating with Scripture and a reflection. The following Saturday, June 29th there will be a parade in which our Middletown Knights of Columbus- John Paul the Great Council will march. All are welcome.

God bless you all,
Gary