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Subject: Pastoral Assistant's Report

Adult Faith Formation

A *Following Christ* reunion will be scheduled for a Sunday in early September for all who have attended for a chance to reflect on how we are using what we shared in *Following Christ* in our continuing journey with the Lord. At that time, we will announce the start date of *Sharing Christ* which is the third in the 3 part series we are presenting which will begin next spring. The evaluations turned in by the participants in *Following Christ* were overwhelmingly positive.

We are discussing another summer series in which we will use Fr. Barron's Faith Clips – we will discuss with Fr. Stephan and I will have more information in my next report.

'Making ALL Things New'

The preliminary recommendations from the Archdiocese of New York Making All Things New Advisory Committee support our cluster's recommendation of the collaboration model (as opposed to consolidation). They do have some recommendations for the parishes and we met as a cluster to discuss, in order to address them in a response which is due no later than June 8. Full report of preliminary recommendations from the Archdiocese is attached. Perhaps at least the first section under the Model Collaborative Parishes could be read to the council. Be aware that these are preliminary recommendations and the Cardinal will have a chance to review them along with our cluster's response over the summer.

Knights of Columbus

We should feel blessed due to the fact that we are served by two Knights of Columbus Councils. As you know, we are served by The Knights of Columbus, John Paul the Great Council from Middletown for several decades – some recent examples of their interaction have been during our centennial Mass, providing and serving two meals for 65 people on Discovering Christ evenings, the Our Lady of Guadalupe Icon transport to and service at OLA and most recently a \$500.00 donation to our food pantry as well as \$500.00 to help us toward our Cardinal appeal goal.

The Mamakating Knights, Wurtsboro, are helping us in fundraising activities such as the Mothers day raffle and have helped with the Mothers Day Breakfast.

We have much for which to be grateful!

Ecumenical Outreach

We will have the info about our SummerFest on July 19 in the Greater Middletown Interfaith Council Newsletter which will be published in June. I invited those pastors at our May meeting to invite their flocks to come and join us. I'm hoping that will bring some additional people to our event.

God bless you all,
Gary