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Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Council

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Subject: Pastoral Assistant's Report

### **Adult Faith Formation**

Just a reminder, Following Christ, for all those who have participated in Discovering Christ will begin Sunday evening March 2 and will run Sunday evenings through April 27 (no session on April 20- Easter). The retreat will be Saturday April 5. While Discovering Christ seeks to have participants deepen their personal relationship with Jesus Christ, Following Christ deals with repentance and forgiveness and such treasures of the Church as prayer and the Sacraments.

Regarding the distribution of 2 particular books at Christmas to our parishioners that I mentioned in my last report, that is still being worked on.

#### **'Making ALL Things New'**

We have completed 3 of the 4 task force meetings so far. The fourth will be this Thursday, Nov 21 at 7pm and will deal with Effective Administration. There have been announcements from the pulpit and in the bulletin. We had hoped we would have seen more council members at the first three gatherings and once again we extend an invitation to attend our final task force gathering this Thursday. The CORE Team will meet with those parishes that are assigned to us as part of our cluster on Dec 4. We have reports from the facilitators of the first 2 task force gatherings, and will have the others in about a week.

#### **.Ecumenical Outreach**

**The Warming Station for the homeless** will open for its 6<sup>th</sup> season Sunday evening, November 24, 2013. We will have a prayer service at St Paul's United Methodist Church, the site of the Warming Station, at 8:30 pm and open our doors to our overnight guests at 9pm. Many thanks to our O.L.A. parishioners who will be staying as overnight volunteers, supplying dinners on assigned nights, and making donations.

God bless you all,  
Gary