

To: Father Stephan  
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Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Council

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From: Gary Texter

Subject: Pastoral Assistant's Report

### **Adult Faith Formation**

The DISCOVERING CHRIST Team continues its work. Our evangelization coordinator continues preparing short informational pieces for our bulletins, and our intercessory prayer coordinators are making visitations to our ministries asking for prayer support, inviting them to participate beginning April 7, 2013, and inviting them to pray for others, that they might be moved to come beginning April 7. Our table leader coordinators will begin selecting table leaders/helpers shortly. Our dinner coordinator is beginning to go over menus. The Knights of Columbus, John Paul the Great Council will provide at least one of the dinners for us, and possibly lunch on the retreat day. Our brothers and sisters in Christ at Infant Saviour will help us with another dinner. In addition the various ministries at O.L.A. will be invited to provide a dinner. Kerry Roberson and I continue to work with each of our leaders and are gratified that the journey is a joyful and faith filled experience for those participating. In about a month more information will be brought out to our parishioners and registration will open up. We believe, with God's help, this movement will help many to seek and obtain a deeper relationship with our Lord, Jesus Christ, while getting most of the church involved in some way. We hope also that those who attend Mass only a few times a year such as at Christmas will receive the message of hope in the Lord and more fully participate throughout the year.

### **Eucharistic Ministry to the Sick/Homebound**

Christmas cards/gift with a message from Fr. Stephan have been delivered to our homebound in December. Many of the sick have asked that their heartfelt gratitude be made known to Fr. Stephan and the people of God at O.L.A.

As has been our tradition over the last 10 years, the Eucharistic Ministry to the Sick/Homebound Pre-Lenten Breakfast will be the Saturday before Ash Wednesday—Feb 9 beginning at 8am in the Parish Center Lower Level. This is a morning of prayer, song, reflection on the Word of God, along with fellowship and good food centered around the Eucharistic Ministry to the Sick/Homebound. As in most years past, Deacon Trapani will join us. All Eucharistic Ministers are welcome.

### **Ecumenical Outreach**

The Warming Station for the homeless in Middletown is now accommodating about 25 men and woman each night. Much of the money to operate this season has been raised with a few thousand to go. The Greater Middletown Interfaith Council is putting on another concert to benefit The Warming Station. Gail Johnson is organizing this for March 3<sup>rd</sup> and our Choir has been invited.

God bless you all,  
Gary