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O.L.A. Parish Council

Subject: Pastoral Assistant's Report -October 11, 2021

Adult Faith Formation/Ministry Refresher and Training

I'm pleased to announce that the Refresher/Training for O.L.A. Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors went extremely well! There were 18 of us at Part 1, from 9am to 1pm on Saturday September 11, and 16 of us at Part 2 on Monday Evening September 27th from 6:30 to 9pm. Most of our ministers were able to attend both parts, attending the portions of the ministry training together that are common to both, and also each attending the breakout sessions for their particular ministry. We are fortunate to have Jan Cornelius and Jean Koltavy coming back to the Eucharistic Ministry, and Kim Grzbek joining as a Eucharistic Minister. We have a possible new Lector; he is currently in discernment and we will await his decision. We would be fortunate to have him. Many thanks to those who assisted as instructors: Lisa Dyer, Kathy Fayol, Beth Texter, and myself from in-house. And a big Thank You to Sister Margaret Ellen who was able to join us for Part 2, and Pat Davies who was here for both Parts and who, along with me is an original member of the Training Team for Center of Renewal and Education (C.O.R.E.), training lay ministers throughout Orange and Sullivan Counties, directed by Sr. Margaret Ellen. Additionally, many thanks to Bette Bonitz for providing wonderful live music in Part 2 for our opening and closing songs, and for playing a very gracious patient in our role play of a hospital visit and a home visit.

Down the Road

DATE CHANGE DUE TO SCHEDULING CONFLICT. Coming up on November 13 we will have a *Morning of Prayer, Song and Communal Celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick*. Sister Margaret Ellen will give us an inspiring talk as usual, and we look forward to Father Paul Anointing us with the Sacrament. As always, we can look forward to some beautiful music from Bette. Plans will be made for a light lunch and fellowship afterward in the Parish Center.

God bless you all,

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