

## **Report of the Diocesan Altar Guild to the 223<sup>rd</sup> Annual Diocesan Convention**

The Diocesan Altar Guild is composed of all members of the altar guilds from each parish and mission. There is a Board comprised of representatives from each Convocation which generally meets twice a year, rotated throughout the Diocese and our annual meeting is held at Trinity Cathedral each fall.

The annual meeting held October 24, 2006 commenced with the Holy Eucharist celebrated by Bishop Councell and the homily was given by The Rev. Arthur Powell, Chaplain of the Altar Guild. The program "Rebuilding the Gulf Coast, Hands-on Experiences at Pass Christian, Mississippi after Hurricane Katrina" was presented by Trinity Advocates. It was also announced that the Altar Guild has sent \$1000 to Episcopal Relief and Development which was raised at the Ecclesiastical Flea Market held at the annual meeting in October 2005.

The Ecclesiastical Vestment and Embroidery Guild is inviting any one with a gift and love for sewing to work making vestments for parishes and missions in need. Kits with pre-cut materials and instructions are provided. Five convocations presented completed sets at this year's annual meeting and a red set was given to a newly ordained priest in our diocese.

The Diocesan Altar Guild is looking for volunteers to fill existing vacancies of Secretary and representatives for Atlantic, Burlington, Northern and Watchung Convocations. The Altar Guild issues a warm welcome to The Very Rev. René R. John as the new Dean of Trinity Cathedral. I wish to personally thank all altar guild members who are loving servants, who in their ministry are truly servants of the servants of God.

Respectfully submitted,

Nanci Miller, Directress