

**Report of the Committee on Life Long Christian Formation
to the 224th Annual Diocesan Convention**

Every parish in the Diocese of New Jersey continues to have the opportunity to utilize the resources available at the Audio Visual Resource Library (AVRL) in the Diocese of Pennsylvania. Videos, DVD's, and audio tapes can be ordered by phone (215-940-9986), fax (215-940-9987) or email (AVRL@diopa.org). The AVRL catalog can now be accessed online at www.mrconline.org. or through the link on the Committee on Life Long Christian Formation web page. This service is free to all parishes in our diocese. There is a wealth of material available for children, youth and adults in the areas of art, Bible, church, education, family and parenting, history, sacrament, social values, spirituality and prayer, worship and liturgy.

Materials for our own diocesan resource center are being purchased through a generous grant of money from the Girl's Friendly Society as well as funds from the budget. Our thanks goes to The Rev. Bill Breedlove who has continued to give generously of his own time to set up the computer program, sort and catalog material and guide this project to its conclusion. Because of his diligent work the Resource Center is now ready to be used by members of our diocese. In the future it can be accessed from the Christian Formation web page.

Each year the Committee on Christian Formation holds a Christian Educator's Day with Our Bishop. This day is meant to help lay and clergy who teach in our parishes to have the opportunity to reflect on their ministry and fellowship with other Christian educators. Our leader on January 20, 2007 was Klara Tammany, author of *Living Water: Baptism as a Way of Life*. Her presentation centered on her approach to religious education starting with the premise that ongoing Christian education must be central to a life of faith and central to Christian Education.

The Committee also sponsored several Christian Formation workshops including A Day of Godly Play, March 17, 2007. Through Equipping the Servants on October 27th we offered The Basics of Youth Ministry, Young Adult Ministries, Children in Church: Blessing or Curse?, Stewardship and Children, and Involving Men in Church.

The CFC budget also supports the Hightstown Conference, an ecumenical conference held on the first Saturday of March.

We would like to thank the members of the Committee who have served this year. We are happy to assist any parish who is looking for help for their own Christian education/formation program. Those members are: Michael Redpath, co-chair, Susan Legnani, co-chair, Rev. Gregory Bezilla, Ven. Victoria Cuff, Donna Devlin, Rev. Louane Frey, Rev. Emily Griffin, Rev. Margaret Hodgkins, Lisa Hoffman, Rev. Blake Hutson, Rev. Mary Jean Metzger, Nancy Miller, Canon Kep Short, Rev. John Thompson-Quartey, Linda Twining, Rev. Gina Walsh-Minor, Deb. Ellwood and Rev. Lisa Mitchell, EFM coordinator.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Legnani and Michael Redpath
Co-chairs

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