

A Message from Pam.....

Experiencing the Changes of Our Hearts.



Fall is my favorite season. You can see the many changes that begin to transform nature. The beauty of the trees as the leaves turn from green to magnificent colors of red, gold, orange and yellow. This is not the only change of the season. We begin to clean our closets of our summer clothes only to replace them with our bulky winter ones. The Canadian geese are honking their goodbyes as they fly their way to warmer climates. You can see the horses coats thicken and the squirrels gathering their bounty for the winter. The farmers are harvesting and turning their fields for next year. As the leaves make their descent to the ground, so much is revealed. The empty bird nests, the large wasp nest, even some broken tree limbs that didn't fare so well during the summer storms.

Joyce Rupp writes, "Autumn is a wondrous metaphor for the transformation that takes place in the human heart. Autumn calls us in from summer's playground and asks significant questions about our own harvest. What do we need to gather into our spiritual barns?"

As we enjoy the beauty of fall that God has created, let us reflect on how we can open our hearts and minds to the changes that we come to face in our spiritual life, our ministry, and our daily life. Take time to ask God, "Where do I need to change, so I can better serve you?" During the season of abundant change, let us take the time to look into our inner closets. Are there things we are not enjoying or using in our ministry? Do we need to surrender certain attitudes and anxieties that may crowd the joy of our relationship with God? Make some time for yourself. Take a ride in the car, turn off the radio and God's creative beauty of the North Country can surely jumpstart an awesome spiritual journey. May God's beautiful gift of Autumn bring you to a deeper spiritual peacefulness in your life and your ministry.

Office Information

DATES TO REMEMBER Catholic School Visits



Immaculate Heart, Watertown

November 7, 2011

Augustinian Academy, Carthage

November 8, 2011

Trinity Catholic, Massena

December 6, 2011

St. Mary's, Champlain

January 9, 2011

Holy Name, Ausable

January 17, 2011

Seton Academy/Seton Catholic

Catholic School Week

1/30 - 2/3

GROWING IN FAITH CERTIFICATION NEWS Plattsburgh Region

Congratulations to the following Catechetical Leaders and Catechists who completed the Diocesan Certification Program.

Noreen Barcomb, Catherin Gooley, Jane Kessler, Ricky LaDuke, Therese Moen, Brian Neureuther, Karen Smith, Randall Smith, Carol Vennette, Marilyn Willette.

Catholic Schools Teachers

Carrie LaMora, Duncan Payne, Natalie Wylie

Receiving Certificate of Recognition

Jennifer Campbell, Lisa Fisher, Dona Lambertson, Carlene LaValley, Sue Lefebvre, Sharon Nicholson, Debbie Dillenberger

Catholic School Teachers

Andrew Bilow, Marie-Helen Hyacinthe, Mary Anne Trombley, Karen Manning, Christine Reynolds, Nichole Kivlehan, Pam Arzberger

In Sept. and Oct. we completed Catechist 1,2,3, Learner I & II and Methods I & II., Prayer & Spirituality. Following are the dates of the next sessions. There were 19 participants who attended these sessions.

Winter Sessions

Jan. 5 & 12: Creed I & II—Seton Academy, Plattsburgh

Feb. 2 & 9: Liturgy & Sacraments—Seton Academy

UPCOMING CONFIRMATION RETREATS DATES

MARCH 3RD & 31ST (Saturdays)

Back by popular demand, Christopher & Elizabeth Carline from Living Hope Ministries will facilitate these two retreats. The maximum of 55 students per retreat is the limit, so please register early.

Information will be sent to the Catechetical Leaders for the area parishes the first part of November. The cost of the retreat is \$25.00 per student, which includes lunch and snack. The retreat time is from 10:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

