

A Message from Sr. Elizabeth...

WELCOME!

It is with great joy that I welcome Pamela J. Ballantine to the new position of Assistant Director of Education for Christian Formation and Catholic Schools. Pamela's ministry will entail being the Regional Director for the Plattsburgh Regional Office of Christian Formation as well as working with Catholic Schools throughout the Diocese in Catechist Formation and Catholic Identity. Her position becomes effective on August 22, 2011.

Pam hails from St. Alexander's Parish in Morrisonville and St. Joseph's Parish in Treadwells Mill where she has been a Pastoral Associate for 20 years and also a Director of Religious Education for the last few years. Her experiences are broad and numerous, touching many aspects of parish life. She has been present at most liturgical functions in the two parishes and has also coordinated a very active Christian Formation program.

Pam has an Associate Degree from Berkshire Community College in Pittsfield, MA, a Bachelor of Science Degree from Westfield University in Westfield, MA, and a Master of Art Degree in Theology, Pastoral Ministry and Spirituality from St. Michael's College, Colchester, VT.

She is certified as a Catechist and a Catechetical Leader as well as a Commissioned Lay Minister in the Diocese of Ogdensburg and is presently serving as a member of the Diocesan Pastoral Council, the Seton Academy School Board and the Parish and Finance Council of the Roman Catholic Community of St. Alexander and St. Joseph. Pam looks forward to her new position with enthusiasm and hopes to meet Parish Leaders in the Plattsburgh Region as well as Principals and Teachers in the Catholic Schools in the near future.

Please take time to welcome Pam, even dropping by the office if you are in town.

THANK YOU!

I wish to express deep gratitude to all parish ministers with whom I have worked, for the opportunity I have had in serving you for the past 12 years. I have enjoyed deeply working with you and getting to know you and your ministry during this time. To Pastors who have supported me through the years, I say, "Thank You." Your support for so many functions of the office (Celebrate Christ, Journey with Christ, Catechist Sessions, Confirmation Retreats, CORE and so much more) has enabled me to be there for you and your ministers. A special thank you to Catechetical Leaders, very dedicated people working under difficult circumstances especially when sports and other events seem to take precedence over Religious Education in the lives of so many people. I wish to also recognize the many Catechists who willingly volunteer to reach children/teens/adults in their faith, especially those who have worked hard to be certified. May you continue to hold sharing your faith as a priority and may your efforts in reaching children/teens/adults be filled with success. Thank you, one and all. You have indeed been a blessing to me. Be assured of my prayers for all of you. God bless you.

