

**FROM FATHER BILL:** We are grateful for the fine turnout of people at the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of St. Paul's Adoration Chapel. This spiritual celebration was a milestone in the history of the Catholic Church in Troy. O COME LET US ADORE HIM! I hope that we are praying the "Prayer In Time of Change". Bishop Hubbard has established his committee for reviewing all recommendations submitted by the 39 Cluster Groups throughout the Diocese. The Bishop will make his final decisions concerning linking, merging and closing sometime in January. Let's help each other to understand how the "Called To Be Church" process has moved us to look forward to a continued, strong Roman Catholic presence in our city of Troy. **TRUST IN GOD! BE CONFIDENT!**

**TOMORROW - SAINT PAUL and SAINT PETER JOINT PARISH MEETING** for English Mass parishioners will be held at St. Peter's on Monday, September 15, 6:30 pm at the LYCEUM. Agenda – Plan Liturgical schedule and parish activities until January 1, 2009. Father Bill will chair the meeting. The meeting will end at 8:00 pm. *Please make every effort to attend.*

*ATTENTION PRAYERFUL SINGLE WOMEN!! There is a great retreat for women who are considering the Convent as a nun or sister coming up at the Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth, September 26-28, in Williamsport, PA. Get clarity for your Vocation and meet a lot of new friends in Jesus! Please join us. NO charge. Food and room are free! If you wish to take a bus or plane to Williamsport PA, we will even pick you up. NO CHARGE! Call 1-800-221-1807 for details.*

**DIOCESAN MARRIAGE JUBILEE:** *The 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Marriage Jubilee Celebration will be held on October 18<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm at St. Clare's Church, Central Avenue, Colonie. Couples celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup> 50<sup>th</sup> or other wedding anniversaries are invited to attend. Bishop Hubbard will celebrate the Liturgy. Register through our Parish Offices by Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup>.*

### **Parish Convening 2008**

Bishop Hubbard and the Diocesan Pastoral Council invite *all parishioners* to join us for Parish Convening 2008 on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am – 1:30 pm at Christian Brothers Academy, 12 Airline Drive, Albany. Our theme will be *Leadership for the Harvest: Cultivating Our Hope* with Bishop Matthew Clark of Rochester delivering the keynote. Kim and Reggie Harris will lead us in prayer and song and a variety of workshops will be offered to enrich your faith journey and parish life. Cost is \$18/person and registrations are due by October 15<sup>th</sup>. Brochure and registration forms can be found in the September 11<sup>th</sup> issue of *The Evangelist* and also available for download at [www.rcda.org](http://www.rcda.org). For further information or questions, please call (518) 453-6661.

**BISHOP HOWARD J. HUBBARD** will host regional gatherings to express his appreciation to those who were directly involved in the 18 – month CTBC “Dialogue and Recommendation Phase” of the Pastoral Planning Process. The expression of appreciation will take the form of a prayer service and social reception from 6:00pm – 7:30pm. All services will be held on Sunday evenings. Father Bill hopes that we, from St. Peter and St. Paul, will attend the event at St. Clare’s Church, Central Ave., Colonie, N.Y. on Sunday, October 26 (6:00pm). *Phone the rectory and let us know you are coming!*

*ONE LINER..... Why is lemonade made with artificial flavoring, while dishwasher soap is made with real lemons?*

**POLITICS – DO NOT’S FOR CHURCHES**

- \*Endorse or oppose political candidates.*
- \*Contribute to Political Action Committees.*
- \*Write Church bulletin editorials where the pastor or staff members endorse or oppose a candidate.*
- \*Campaign for candidates.*
- \*Fundraise for candidates.*
- \*Grant use of name to support a political candidate.*
- \*Support or oppose judicial candidates.*
- \*Contribute to political candidates.*
- \*Make independent expenditures for or against political candidates.*

**THE YEAR OF ST. PAUL (Pauline Year)** –No one in the early Church traveled more than Paul to bring the GOOD NEWS of Jesus Christ to the world. He traveled some 1,000 miles by ship and on foot to proclaim the Gospel. Paul always teaches us about how Jesus Christ brings meaning and joy to human life. “HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO BRING GOOD NEWS!” Romans 10:15

**BULLETIN BLOOPER.....**ORGANISTS, CHOIR DIRECTORS and CONGREGANTS – The third verse of *Blessed Assurance* will be sung without musical accomplishment.

**SERVING A Bilingual Community**

- 1 Be there for the people** – The best service you can give is your presence.
- 2 Listen** – Hispanic people live through their stories.
- 3 Celebrate** – Celebrations of all kinds are central to Hispanic Communities.
- 4 Share the table** – A main value of Hispanic cultures is hospitality, expressed through the sharing of the table.
- 5 Include everyone in decision making** – Ask the Hispanic Community what they need from you.
- 6 Don’t generalize** – A common pitfall is calling every Hispanic a Mexican or, collectively, “The Mexicans”. Try to avoid that. Be inclusive!

**Catholic Information: 1-800-MY FAITH**  
**Pro-Life Pregnancy Hotline: 1-800-848-LOVE**

**EVANGELIZATION:** Following Christ.....Siguiendo a CRISTO.