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NOVA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

JUNE 2013

Chair Notes.....[written May 19, 2013]

Last evening 22 NOVA members gathered to assist in the Calling Forth of new leadership in NOVA. A few weeks ago, eight names were called as possible new chair people for NOVA for the next two years. In the ensuing days many conversations took place as those who were named prayed, reflected on their lives at this time, had conversations with others and made decisions. Five made the decision that this was not their time, not yet. And so last evening, three members came to the meeting allowing for the possibility that one of them would probably leave the meeting with a whole new agenda before them.

The Holy Spirit was clearly present as one by one, members reflected on the gifts these three offered to the community as a new co-chair of NOVA, and also how each member could contribute to the community in the coming year.

We sang, we prayed and we reflected, and after a couple hours we reached consensus that Brian Carome was called to work with his co-chair, Meg Tuccillo, and with the community, during the next two years.

As I sit here typing my last "Chair Notes" for the NOVA Newsletter, I think about these last two years with Teddi Ahrens and Meg at my side and the community surrounding us, supporting us, challenging us, inspiring us and I feel a great comfort in being a part of this Eucharistic community.

It has not all been fun and games. We are a community of very strong minded people. To say we do not always agree is a gross

understatement, but we clearly share a sense of being there for others, of doing what we can do, however little it might seem at the moment, to make life a little better for others.

Consensus is messy. It is not efficient. It takes time and sometimes we are a little less than patient. As we sometimes struggle through the consensus process, we don't always conclude that we prefer the result, but we hopefully do realize that the decision made by the community is one that each of us can live with and support.

I deeply believe that the Holy Spirit is within each of us. We don't always pay a lot of attention to Her. As Father Joe Nangle said today, "The Holy Spirit intercedes at different times in our lives. The Holy Spirit comes to help us to grow into Christian adulthood."

Someone said today at liturgy, "Breathing is not something we **do**, it is a gift that has been given to us." As I take a deep breath, I say **thank you** to each of you in the NOVA community for helping me in my efforts to grow into Christian adulthood.

~ *Cece Michelotti*

*July Newsletter Deadline
June 24, 2013*

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EMMA & JERRY

Emma Violand-Sanchez' s eight years on the College Board of NVCC is ending, which will allow her to concentrate even more energy on the Arlington County School Board. Her last official action on the NVCC Board was to cast a vote for her fellow board member **Jerry Barrett** to be Board Chair for the coming year.

~Jerry B.

{Congratulations & Best Wishes to both Emma & Jerry in their important work. ~Ed.}



Calling Forth 2013

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<http://www.novacommunity.weebly.com>

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THE NOVA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE THE EUCHARISTIC LITURGY WITH US ON SUNDAYS IN ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA.

KENMORE... Winter Months...

Liturgy begins at 10:15 am—Gather at 10:00 am

During the winter months, our Liturgy is usually celebrated at Kenmore Middle School, Arlington Blvd. and Carlin Springs Rd, Arlington, VA.

LACEY WOODS... Summer Months...

Liturgies begin at 9:30 am—Gather at 9:15 am

Beginning Memorial Day Weekend up to our Fall Retreat weekend, we celebrate at Lacey Woods Park, George Mason Drive near Washington Blvd.

The schedule changes for Holidays and special occasions. Please call the Message Line, or check the NOVA website, both mentioned above, for the latest information.

We Remember In Prayer....

Marjorie McKenna and members of her family, including Meg Tuccillo, who are missing Marjorie.

Sonja Donahue, who appreciates a card, a call or a visit at Goodwin House, Alexandria

Jody Furlong, who also would appreciate a card or a call

Anne Houck, Joe Bonsignore, Margaret and Tom Hayes, who we do not see most Sundays because of mobility and other issues.

Remember these and any other NOVA members and their friends and family who need our prayers



Marjorie Virginia Davis McKenna

1917-2013



The priest read, "Death Is Nothing At All"
Click on the following link...

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fQkFZLZJzMo>

June Birthdays....

- 1 Phil Cackley
- 2 Meg Sullivan
- 6 Tim White
- 10 Cecilia Cackley
Quinn Connors, O. Carm.
- 13 Sami Clarkson
Jim Heinzen
- 19 Kate Doherty
- 21 Peter Goldschmidt
- 23 Jeanne Clarkson
- 24 Gen Timpane
- 29 Joe Formoso



Please send your birth date (month & day only) to the Newsletter Editor, news4nova@gmail.com, if you would like it to appear here.



Kathy Fredgren interpreting "On Eagles Wings"



LITURGY SCHEDULE

Planners can find Inclusive Readings (Year C) and Music Selections in the NOVA Yahoo Group Files, <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/novacomunity/files/>. Sign on with the Yahoo ID you used to enroll. Please give all music selections to the Music Liaison the Sunday before your liturgy and print 50 copies of the liturgy program.

JUNE MUSIC LIAISON
Tom Clarkson

JULY MUSIC LIAISON
Victoria Robinson

June 2 – Corpus Christi

Priest: Quinn Conners, O.Carm.
Planners: Peace & Social Justice Committee

June 9 – 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time **Investiture of New Co-Chairs**

Priest: John Haughey, S.J.
Planner: Victoria Robinson with Anne Passin



We are beginning a new tradition this year of having all past NOVA Chairs wear the cross they were given for the Investiture Liturgy. This is to show solidarity and support for the new leaders who have been

called forth as well as to make a visual statement that the new Co-Chair joins a long history of servant leadership in our Community.

June 16 – 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Priest: Quinn Conners, O.Carm.
Planner: Peggy Meyer

June 23 – 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time **First Communion of Abby Carome**

Priest: Joe Nangle, OFM
Planners: Carome Family

June 30 – 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Priest: Joe Nangle, OFM
Planner: Marie Pinho

July 7 – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Priest: John Haughey, SJ
Planner: Helen Michie

July 14 – 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

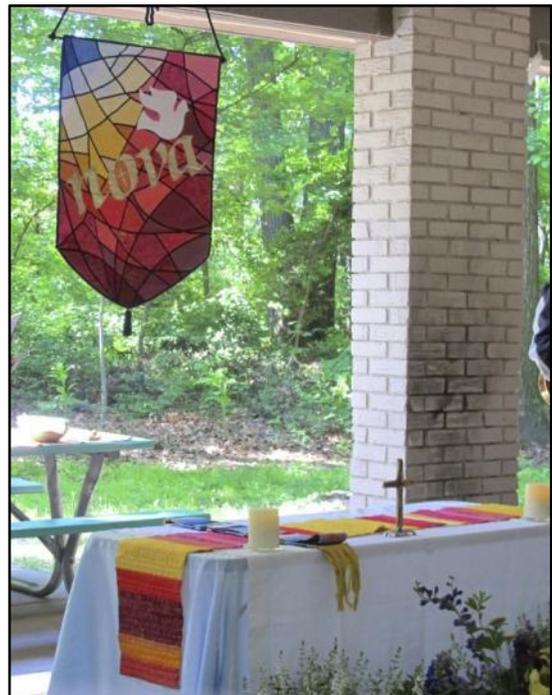
Priest: Joe Nangle, OFM
Planner: Barbara Formoso

July 21 – 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Priest: Gerry Stockhausen
Planners: Marie Schum-Brady & Richard Urban

July 28 – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Priest: Jim Coriden
Planners: Ormando-Kane Family



First Sunday in the Park 2013

GUNSTON VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

NOVA volunteers distribute bags of non-perishable food, cereal provided by NOVA, perishable (eggs, milk, meat, etc) items picked up at the Arlington Food Assistance Center warehouse on the night of distribution and produce items every other week picked up by Eric Carroll at the produce markets downtown (funded by the NOVA Peace & Justice budget). The distribution takes place at the Gunston Middle School Recreation Center in Arlington.



Many volunteers have been active in this project for a dozen years and others are more recent. All love their work and would love to teach new NOVA folks how it's done. So if you would like to volunteer: send email to Dianne Carroll diacarroll@comcast.net or call 703-536-2616

~Dianne

A big thanks to all the Gunston faithful volunteers!!

June 6: Eric, Alicia/Jack Cackley
June 13: Glen Passin, Syd Boyne
June 20: Tim White, Jerry Barrett,
June 27: Syd Boyne family

Routine: (usually)

Perishable pickup at AFAC warehouse at 6:00 p.m.

Distribution at Gunston 6:30-7:30

Clean up and return list to AFAC

Note: An activity where the more hands, the merrier.



NOVAtones - First Sunday In The Park - 2013

YOU CAN HELP END HUNGER Bread for the World

Millions of people in the United States and around the world face hunger every day. For those people more is at stake now than during any previous Bread for the World Offering of Letters campaign. This year we aim to prevent deep cuts in funding for programs that save lives and help people around the world overcome poverty. We also seek a bold but achievable goal – a united plan to end hunger.

Congress and the president have many more issues to resolve this year, starting with our nation's fiscal and budgetary crisis. It would be easy to say that now is not the time to claim a vision of a world without hunger. But this is precisely the time – when hungry and poor people are most vulnerable.

During budget and spending debates, we must convince Congress to protect programs vital to hungry and poor people here and around the world.

We must also persuade Congress and the president to make ending hunger a national priority and work together on a plan.

Neither task will be simple, especially in today's deep political divide. But God is at work in our midst, preparing an abundant table where all are welcome. With your voice, and those of others in your church, campus or group, we will convince our nation's leaders to ensure a place at the table for everyone.

(from "A Place at the Table" BFW Offering of Letters booklet, 2013)

June 16: BREAD FOR THE WORLD Letter-Writing to Congress after NOVA Liturgy

June 23: Offering of Letters at altar during our Eucharistic celebration

~Peggy Meyer, Liaison,
Bread for the World

NOVA COMMUNICATIONS

The detail results of the recent NOVA communications survey were distributed to NOVA members via email. We received an excellent response by over 49 members. We are a group of committed and passionate individuals; as such there is a rich diversity of responses which makes reviewing the individual comments worthwhile.

Face to face communication is often considered the most effective and it is not surprising that the oral announcements at mass were rated as the most valuable. Support for face to face communication was also praised in the comments section with a modest concern about keeping announcements brief. Email via the Yahoo group distribution list was rated the next most valuable but a roughly 1/3 indicated that there was too much email traffic. In third place was the news letter with many praising the excellent job Ken and previous editors have done. The NOVA website, Facebook and Twitter, in order were the next most valuable. Many observed that with the electronic forms of communication like the news letter and email they can choose to spend time or not depending on interest. While we had a small segment of people, (13%) feeling over whelmed with too much information, the vast majority, 86% indicated that communication is working well and they have the information they need when they need it.

Looking at alternatives, the idea of a news group for Intra NOVA dialogue was not popular with 2/3 voting no interest. There was some support for encouraging the use of social media especially as a means to reach new members.

Over 73% of the respondents have been members of the NOVA community for more than 10 years, 6% for less than 1 year with the balance between 1 and 10 years. We are mostly a vintage crowd with 55% in the 65-74

years old bracket, 23% 75-84, 15% 55-64, 4% 25-34, 2% 45 to 54, and no one 35-44.

Overall there is a high degree of satisfaction with communication among NOVA members with a desire to continue and enhance face to face communication. There is some interest in using electronic communication as a means to reach more people outside of NOVA but no clear suggests have emerged.

~**Scott Schnier**

COMMISSIONED BY CHRIST (CBC)

Dear NOVA:

I would like to share information about a local non-profit operating within the Diocese of Arlington, Commissioned by Christ (CBC).

While I'm a member of St. Charles in Clarendon, I've attended several NOVA masses and thought your community might be interested in learning more or volunteering with CBC, given NOVA's passion for service and social justice.

CBC operates international and domestic mission trips along with a few local days of service in the DC area. I invite you to check out our website to learn more and prayerfully consider joining us on a mission trip.

Personally, CBC trips have provided an opportunity to deepen my faith, grow in community and feel more connected to those in need around the world.

I'm happy to provide additional information or discuss the opportunities further if desired.

Blessings and peace,

Leigh Ann Slonka
Spiritual Formation Chair
Commissioned by Christ
<http://www.commissionedbychrist.org>
leighann.slonka@commissionedbychrist.org

{The above letter was received via the "Contact Us" page of the NOVA website,
www.novacommunity.info ~Ed}

AHEAD OF US

On May 18th Brian Carome was called to be co-chair of our community for the next two years.

But, in addition to that, on this night the 22 people who attended the NOVA meeting expressed some thoughts about where we might be moving in the next year or so.

It seems this may be an area or a discussion, in which the entire community might want to join. It seems the comments made might come under a couple headings: Out-reach and Reaching in.

I'll just give a quick synopsis of my notes from this evening. It certainly is not complete but perhaps will engender further thought.

Out-reach:

- Thinking this year about how we can connect with the DREAM students and their families.
- Connecting a little more with our Padre Cadre seems like as important idea.
- Paying attention to those within NOVA who might need a little attention/love.
- Nurturing other IECs, - perhaps the new one in DC.
- Discussing together how NOVA might work at serving the broader community.
- Interact more with other religious communities, not just Christian.
- Developing an elevator speech, in our quest for new people, so we don't overwhelm them.

Reaching in:

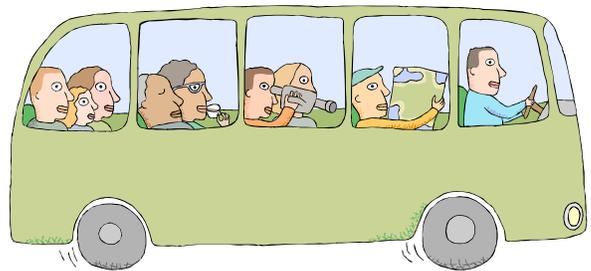
- Looking forward to our September retreat when we can discuss together some thoughts from the books we've been reading: **QUEST FOR THE LIVING GOD** and **ENGAGED SPIRITUALITY**.
- Assessing our children's needs by putting some effort into youth education and spirituality.

- Looking back at newsletters from many years ago, we see that back then NOVA had very similar thinking. WE don't just sit back, we continue to work to grow in our efforts spiritually, and in ways we can help to make life a little better for others. We seem to work on our maintenance.

Hope this helps those who were unable to attend, to glimpse the thoughts of those who attended this meeting.

~Cece Michelotti

NOVA-ON-THE-BUS An Insider's Tour of DC



Sunday, September 29th
12:00 p.m.(after liturgy)
returns to Kenmore at 6:00 p.m.

Your Professional Tour Guide:
Award-winning, Creative, Intrepid – Marie Pinho

*Come help us raise money for **Educate the Girls**, providing girls in rural Uganda who would otherwise be unable to attend school, the opportunity for an elementary and secondary education.*

Hold on to your seat belts, Marie will take you where others dare not go. You'll have a great time, learn some new things about DC, and make a difference for Ugandan children – what could be better?

Tickets will be available in mid-summer:

\$60 – transportation, guided tour & delicious lunch on the bus (\$50 if you don't want lunch)

~Gloria Mog

CHRIST HOUSE

NOVA will serve dinner at the Christ House shelter in Alexandria on June 17.

That means we need lots of meatloaves and scalloped potatoes to show up at liturgy on June 16. Or drop off meat and potatoes in the coolers on the Michelotti's front porch Sunday PM or Monday AM.



If you'd like to help serve, food prep usually begins about 3:30. Contact Kopp or Ken Chaison, for details.

Thank you for all you do to help our hungry neighbors.

~Kopp Michelotti

PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE Big Project Meeting 2013-2014

We gathered in community this month to choose how we wish to use our energy and resources to support a one-time, one-year social action project.

Four proposals were submitted by NOVA members to serve very different and valuable solutions to needs. We thank Raquel Pastor for bringing us needs of the poorest disabled children in Mexico, Markie Harwood for opening our eyes to Project Esperanza House for Haitian boys in the Dominican Republic, David Mog & Peggy Meyer for the Peace Academy by Little Friends For Peace, and Emma Violand Sanchez and the Kane Family for insight into the mentoring work needed by The Dream Project.

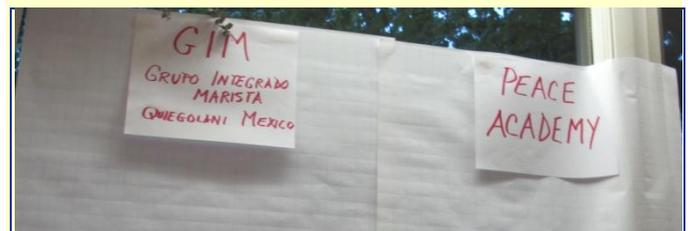
As everyone had received the proposals beforehand, the meeting began by giving folks a chance to ask each proposal writer about the project so that we could all jointly hear more about each proposal. At that point we used Post Its to indicate where individual interest

lay. After some centering time, the community responded to the question: What content drew you to a particular proposal. A second round of indicating individual interest was followed by centering time to absorb and discern where the interest of the community as a whole was evolving.

The remainder of the evening was spent in a prayerful consensus process of listening and working to what all can agree to and live with. Very clearly the community came down in favor of keeping a single focus on one project as it allows us not only to raise funds, but also deepen our relation with the people we are serving. The community agreed to have The Dream Project as our focus in a year that has immigration front and center as a national issue. NOVA also decided to offer some financial assistance to the Peace Academy in a manner yet to be determined by the community.

It was arduous meaningful work of the kind our buddy Bill Callahan would pray, "God, thank you for the opportunity you have given us to do this merry, necessary work."

~ The Peace and Social Justice Team



Projects Considered for 2013-2014

ONE MILLION BONES

Saturday, June 8 & Sunday, June 9

1 million handmade bones crafted by students, artists & activists from around the world will be laid on the National Mall in Washington, DC. A striking symbol of our common humanity, these bones were made to honor those lost to genocides & mass atrocities, and to those still fighting to survive them in the South Sudan, Sudan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Burman & Somalia. Each bone represents a call to action, a story, a voice.

Saturday schedule (you are invited for any/all of this witness).

- 8:30am to 10am Volunteers arrive & get oriented with their section leaders.
- 10am to 2pm The Laying of the Bones (please wear white).
- 2-4pm Meal Break (food trucks onsite).
- 4-6:30pm Speakers & performers at the Nat'l Mall

Sunday evening. 7:30 to 9 pm Candlelight Vigil (including Mosaic Harmony musical meditations), followed by reflection.

~Victoria Robinson

DREAM PROJECT

You are cordially invited to the 3rd annual Dream Project Award Ceremony and this year's Dream Project Breakfast! We are very happy to award over 20 scholarships this year.

Dream Project Award Ceremony
June 14, 2013, 7:00 p.m.

Arlington Education Center
1426 N. Quincy Street, Arlington, VA 22207

RSVP for Award Ceremony by June 12:
dreamprojectnow@gmail.com

Dream Project Breakfast
June 17, 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

George Mason University
Arlington Campus - Founders Hall
3351 Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22201

RSVP for Breakfast via email:
tandrew7@gmu.edu

V.O.I.C.E.

Help Keep the Momentum Going:

NOVA has a rare opportunity to work with other VOICE member churches, synagogues, and mosques toward making 1000 new affordable housing units available for low income families in Arlington, not only increasing the number of new units but also significantly lowering the income eligibility threshold. Rare opportunity because of the convergence of the availability of public and non-profit properties coupled with current lower construction costs. As the June newsletter goes to press, eleven NOVA members have signed up to stand in solidarity with those in need of affordable housing, giving them a forum to have their voices heard. We are looking for nine additional NOVA members to bring the message home to local officials. An opportunity to take action that counts and gets results. **Sunday, June 23, 3:30 to 5:30 PM**, Mount Olive Baptist Church, 1501 South 13th Road, Arlington. If you are able to participate and/or would like additional information, please contact Nancy Veldhuis, by June 17 to reserve seating with the NOVA contingent.

Another piece for the NOVA Calendar:

Sunday June 3, 7:30 to 9:30, Woodbridge Middle School, 2201 York Drive, Woodbridge, VA, just off of I-395. This VOICE public gathering will include Senator Mark Warner and executives from the three primary banks responsible for the questionable lending practices that led to a high level of foreclosures in Prince William County, highest rate of foreclosures in Virginia. The banks will be reminded, by VOICE member turn-out, of their previous multi-million dollar commitments toward community/housing restoration in Prince William where so many low income families have lost their homes. Plan to arrive by 7 pm, allowing ample time to park and be seated. The Michelottis and Carrolls have offered carpools. Contact Nancy Veldhuis, if you plan to attend and have not already signed up.

~Nancy V.

YOUR INVESTMENT YIELD IN THE WOMEN OF TIPITAPA

Where you might ask is Tipitapa? It is northeast of Managua, Nicaragua, bordered by a huge lake and a river—land that extends and extends. It is here that those displaced by earthquake, flood and war have been dumped, along with Managua's burning garbage. Not my observation, merely part of the history given by Ana Maria, my guide and Institute John XXIII dynamo in the field responsible for coordinating their work with 4-5 communities including Tipitapa. We are bumping along in her truck to take the trainer, equipment and supplies to a cooperative which has requested sales and marketing training.

It turns out we "know" many of these women—they are the ones we prayed for and backed three years ago. In our first adventure in supporting a big project, we chose to support the women entrepreneurs who received training in developing and sustaining new small businesses and were certified by John XXIII upon successful completion. We funded a very specific need: the equipment essential for their businesses.

What an investment that turned out to be! Let me introduce you to Doña Asalia. She gets up every morning at three to begin making her tortillas, working side by side with her daughter. Before she received her iron griddle, she could only make 300 tortillas a day. Now she sells 800 every day out of the front of her house.



Sra. Asalia and her tortillas



A customer for Asalia's tortillas

She and the others we invested in have formed their own cooperative, Coofemar, (Cooperativa Fe en Marcha) with the training and technical assistance of the Institute and are a completely independent entity who use their pooled funds to make loans to their members. They have opened their membership to include men and a few younger ones have stepped up to the challenge. Not only are their books immaculate, receipts in triplicate, and scrutinized by every member, but they have also joined an association of cooperatives and have successfully applied to the government to qualify for their government program that assists small businesses.



Coop Members Receiving Marketing Training

Next time I'll regale you with visits to Doña Claudia, Don Alvaro and more about the training. It's been great to see our efforts at work and see the blossoming of our investment in these warm, capable people.

~Marie Keefe

BLESSING MOMS ON MOTHER'S DAY



UPCOMING EVENTS

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September 13, 14, 15 - NOVA Retreat, Shrine Mont

September 29 at 12 p.m. - NOVA-On-The-Bus (Page 7)

MARY GRACE GOING TO SOUTH SUDAN

Mary Grace, a long-time member of NOVA, is on her way to the Republic of South Sudan on June 15th. She will fly first to Cairo, where she will spend a day or two dealing with jet-lag before flying on to Juba, the capital of South Sudan.

She will spend ten weeks helping the Comboni Sisters teach English. As a substitute teacher in Madison County, and a teacher of English as a second language in Culpeper, Mary is well-prepared for this task. Sister Carmita Cabrera is looking forward to having her help with the task of teaching the more than 1,000 students in the Leer area where the Combonis are located in South Sudan. Mary will be taking a new laptop computer that was donated for Sister Carmita.

Although her family is concerned about her trip as South Sudan continues to experience conflict both within the country, and with the neighboring country of Sudan, she said in response, "... until people who believe in peace are going to risk their lives for peace, how can we change anything?"

~Carolyn Miller

FIVE ROMAN CATHOLIC WOMEN TO BE ORDAINED

On Saturday, June 22, 2013 at 1:00 p.m., Barbara Anne Duff (Macon, GA) and Joleane Presley (Manassas, VA) will be ordained priests in the Association of Roman Catholic Women Priests (ARCWP). Mary Collingwood (Cleveland, Ohio), Marianne Smyth (Silver Springs, MD) and Mary Theresa Streck (Troy, NY) will be ordained deacons in ARCWP. The presiding bishop will be Bridget Mary Meehan of Falls Church, VA and Sarasota, FL. The ceremony will take place at **First Christian Church, 6165 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22044 www.fccfc.org (please consult for directions) All are welcome.** [Music by Kathleen Rosenberg and the NOVAtones]

The candidates are theologically prepared and have many years of experience in ministry. Barbara Anne Duff is a former Maryknoll sister, educator, Air Force Nurse and VA Hospital Nursing Home administrator. "I am fulfilling my original call to minister to those who are on the margins of society. We women priests are working toward a renewed priestly ministry, supporting nonviolence and social justice in our church and in the world."

Joleane Presley, a wife and senior hospital chaplain, provides pastoral care to patients recovering from physical disabilities.

Mary Collingwood, wife, mother, grandmother, educator and outreach minister, has served the church her entire adult life in diocesan offices, on parish staffs and in Catholic schools and as a board member to various non-profit agencies.

A former Sister of St. Joseph, Mary Theresa Streck is a peace activist who administers an education and enrichment program for underprivileged youngsters in the City of Troy

Women priests are answering the call and our movement is growing since it began in 2002 with the ordination of seven women on the Danube. There are now 150 women in our Roman Catholic Women Priests' Movement in the world, including 100 in 30 states in the U.S. living and serving over 60 inclusive Catholic communities and welcoming all to receive the sacraments.

According to a recent CBS Gallup Poll, over 70% of Catholic in the U.S. support women

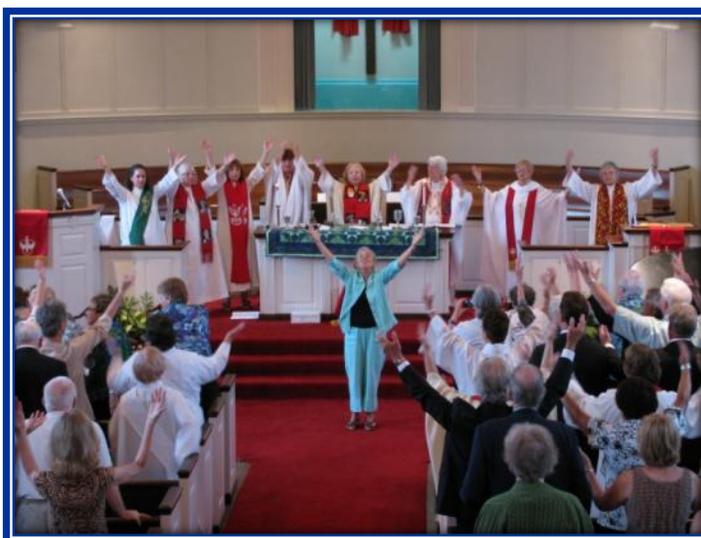
priests. There is no shortage of vocations as women are now saying "Yes" to this call and are being ordained. In 2013, ARCWP will have ordained 13 women priests and deacons. We have more than a dozen candidates who will soon begin preparation for ordination.

The Association of Roman Catholic

Women Priests calls on Pope Francis to embrace the full equality of women in the church and world. Just as Clare and Francis were partners in living out the Gospel with the poor and marginalized, we pray and invite Pope Francis to do the same with women priests.

Today, women priests continue to follow the tradition of women disciples living and preaching the Gospel taught to them by Jesus. We are leading the Roman Catholic Church into a new era of justice and equality for women.

~Bridget Mary Meehan



MAY PHOTOS



Blessing Marie before her trip to Nicaragua



Pentecost Altar



Preparing the Offertory



Communion Ministers & Jim Coriden
First Sunday in the Park 2013



Dolly & Maureen with NOVA for First Sunday in the Park



Cool Weather - First Sunday In the Park 2013