

## Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

*By Judy Collins*

On Tuesday, September 15, we began our RCIA program with the Period of Evangelization and Precatechumentate. It was a time of evangelization - faithfully and constantly, the living God was proclaimed. RCIA team members include Judy Collins (Coordinator), Jerry Collins, Father Bill Casey, Father John Appiah, Sheila Alexander, Kathy Ridley, Rick Longworth, and Lou Marone. Classes meet in the Ganz House on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30.

We had our Rite of Welcoming of Candidates and the Rite of Acceptance for Catechumen at the 8:00 a.m. Mass on October 4.

### Our candidates are:

Phyllis Brown (sponsor – Amanda Norris)

Evin Lappas (sponsor Judy Collins)

Terri Mullenix-Jackson (sponsor Lara Durham)

Sue Schlarb (sponsor Mary Lou Lamb)

### Our catechumen is:

Fred Sahr (sponsor Alicin Sahr)

Please keep them in your prayers as they grow in faith.

We are now in the period called the Catechumenate which is an extended period of formation of mind and heart in which suitable and comprehensive catechesis is gradually given.

It is never too late to join us. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, please contact Judy Collins at 639-0688 or email collinsj02@gmail.com.

## Welcoming Ministry

The welcoming committee has come together to bring baskets of love (a blessed crucifix given by the parish, home baked bread by Carol Marcello, kitchen towels by the CCW, a home made candle by Andrea Robinson plus more) and information for our newest members.

## Guidelines for Submission of Articles for the Newsletter

*By Phil Galic*

The primary intention of this quarterly newsletter is to provide a forum for informative articles concerning Notre Dame Parish life and organizational activities that are otherwise too lengthy to be included in the bulletin.

Articles for submission are solicited from all Notre Dame Parish organizations as well as individual parishioners who have important information that they wish to present to the Parish community. It is not, however, the intent of this newsletter to present a forum for “editorial” articles. If such an article is submitted, the Communications Committee reserves the right to edit its content prior to inclusion in the newsletter. All articles that are included in the newsletter must include the writer’s name with the article.

In the spirit of Christian charity and love, we are reminded that Jesus commanded us to “Love one another.” It is important that we do not publish any article that offends anyone – most importantly, another member of our Parish family.

If any member of our Parish family is not happy with this policy, you are invited to contact a member of the Parish Pastoral Council to ask to have your name added to the next Council meeting agenda; at which time, you are encouraged to present your information.

## Knights of Columbus Council 6784

*By Jack Siersma*

K of C council 6784 meets on the first Sunday of every month at 7:00 PM in the Notre Dame Parish hall. All Catholic men 18 years or older are encouraged to join and participate in the many service activities the council performs.

During 2009, the council has expanded membership again with five new Knights admitted in the last quarter. Our drive for new members continues in November as we move into one of the most active periods on our calendar. Our new slate of officers took over the first of July when George Toth (Treasurer) and Chet Ball (Financial Secretary) retired after many years of service in those posts. The awards they received simply conveyed the appreciation this council has for their service.

Activities for this Quarter have included the August fish fry for Knights and families; the September council golf outing; on-going memorial brick sales for the “unborn memorial” walkway; assistance to the Bacchi family in support of their moving sale; and support in planning and preparation for the Parish golf outing plus a sponsorship donation as well. During October, we held our annual Cincinnati Chili and auction on the 17<sup>th</sup> (this is our major council fund raiser), plus our annual major charity fund drive (Tootsie Roll drive) on the weekend of the 24<sup>th</sup>. We were in the yellow aprons in front of Walmart and K Mart. All of our collections go to the Tennessee Mental Retardation Foundation.

You have also seen council members in front of church at all Masses passing out personal prayer cards that will help support our priests and vocations. We pray that they will be used regularly.