

Men of Notre Dame

By Lou Marrone

You are invited to gather after the 8:00 a.m. weekday Mass on Wednesday and/or Friday. We are known as "Brothers in Christ". After a prayer of thanksgiving, there will be some reflection from the *Living Faith* booklet daily scripture, sharing, and conversation - all over a cup of hot coffee! You will be missed if you don't join us! For more information, contact Lou Marrone at 639-6358 (email - LiveJesus@comcast.net) or Greg English at 257-3595 (e-mail - gregeng47@gmail.com).

Renew: *Why Catholic?*

By Lisa Loewenkamp

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Renew: *Why Catholic?* program this year. There were 81 participants, and most enjoyed the Advent and Lenten sessions. Those of us who participated made new friends and really enjoyed learning more about our faith. Many thanks to those who agreed to be facilitators or hosted meetings in their homes: Jean HagenBurger, Julie and Martha Fannon, Susan Collins, Beth Morrissey, Lou Marrone, Andrea Robinson, Ray and Susan Jones, Judy and Jerry Collins, Ruth Schell, Betty Bright, Jeanne Garibaldi, Scott Fisher, Denise Michaud, and Sandy Alter.

For those of you unfamiliar with the program, Renew: *Why Catholic?* is a four-year journey through the Catechism of the Roman Catholic Church. A facilitator leads a small group (three to twelve members) in discussion for twelve weeks, six during Advent and six during Lent. The discussions are centered on a book, one for each year. We just finished Book 1, *The Profession of Faith: What We Believe*. This book centered on the Apostles Creed and explored the basic tenets of our faith. Next year we will study Book 2, *The Celebration of the Christian Mystery: Sacraments*. We invite all of you to join a group next fall, make some new friends in the parish, and learn more about your faith.

Look for information on sign-up dates in the bulletin in August and September. The only cost involved is the purchase of Book 2, which is only \$10! If you are interested in facilitating or hosting a group, you may call me, Lisa Loewenkamp, at 636-1308 to volunteer.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

By Judy Collins

Our six neophytes are completing the Period of Mystagogy – the period of time following initiation which centers on catechesis in the meaning and experience of baptismal faith. In a very real sense, mystagogy is ongoing and lasts a lifetime. Get to know our newest Catholics:

Terry Harrison – I work at L.Q.M., a cheese factory located at the old Kraft Building. I like sports and gardening. I am already a member of the Knights of Columbus, and I feel extremely happy about becoming a Catholic.

Mary Jane Keparutis – I was born in Cedar Creek (Greene County), the youngest of ten children. I am employed at East View Eye Care. Bruno and I were married here at Notre Dame in 2006. Since then, I have been very impressed with the services and fellowship of our Church.

Joyce Minix – I am a widow. I have been blessed with three wonderful children and three grandchildren. I've worked most of my working years as a substitute teacher and a nurse. I am retired at present. I'd like to add that God has blessed me greatly, and I'm proud to be a part of the Catholic community.

Stacey Minix – I am sixteen years old, and I am currently a sophomore going to Chuckey Doak High School. I love anything that has to do with Japan, and I want to go there as soon as I can. Being converted to Catholicism is a big change for me. My Church acts as one big family, and they are very considerate and nice.

Fred Ricker – I was born and raised in Greeneville. I learned to play keyboard as a child. I continued my music education and earned my DDS from UT Knoxville and Memphis. I have been playing the organ/piano here for about thirty years. Joining the Church has made me feel "complete."

Wanda Ricker – I was born and raised in Bristol, Virginia. I received my degree in music education from ETSU. I married Fred in 1975, and we built our home and moved to Greeneville in 1978. I was a cantor during Father Funk's tenure. I returned to this congregation around 1995 and have been here ever since. I have always felt very welcomed by the people of Notre Dame. My journey has now come full circle by my formally joining the Church.