

Dear Parishioner,

August 25, 2011

Coming soon to the Defiance Catholic community is our 8th season of Generations of Faith, a Church-centered, lifelong, intergenerational faith formation approach designed to promote learning by participating and experiencing. I'm excited to announce this year's theme, *GOT PRAYER?*

Also, right around the corner is our Generations of Faith Kick-off which will feature Fr. Herb Weber's presentation, "Lord, Teach Us to Pray." This year the kick-off is a one-evening event to be held on Wednesday, September 14 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall. (Please refer to the enclosed flyer for further kick-off details.) If you are willing to bring cookies or punch items for the kick-off please call Carol Kurivial at 419-630-6410 or e-mail me at ckstmary@defnet.com.

The season sessions on *GOT PRAYER?* will continue in October at Holy Cross Catholic School, with the exception of March which will be held at St. John Catholic Church. (Again, see the attached handout for further details.)

Do you live a balanced life? We need to stop kidding ourselves. Just one area out of balance can make a mess of everything. For example, how's your faith life? Are you alive, alert, awake and aware of all that it means to be Catholic and to live the Catholic lifestyle? If you said no to that, you're a lot like me...and a lot of other people. We all need to become lifelong learners of our faith, and Generations of Faith helps all people of all ages to do just that. So, complete in seven easy steps, here's what I need you to do:

1. **DECIDE** that you are going to make Generations of Faith a priority. (Why? Because it's the right thing to do.)
2. **MARK** your calendar with all the scheduled dates right now! (See attached flyer)
3. **FILL** out your lime green registration form and don't forget to fill out the boxed in area that asks how you'd like to serve in this ministry. It's still true that many hands make light work! We need all of you to make Generations happen!
4. **PLACE** the registration form (along with your registration check or money) back in the same lime green envelope mailed to you today, tape it shut, and drop it off at your parish office or the collection basket at mass.
5. **REALIZE** that if our faith is going to survive, it's going to take **ALL OF US** (every age) working together with a real zeal for the Catholic faith and a desire to keep learning and growing and immersing ourselves into the life of our faith community.
6. **SHARE** your excitement about Generations of Faith with your family and friends, and,
7. **INVITE** others every chance you get to come to Generations of Faith...a place where learning together is invigorating, challenging, needed and necessary.

That's it, then. And I'm thanking you in advance for choosing to keep learning, living and loving your faith...at home, at work, at school and everywhere. We are all called to live the Catholic vocation and Generations of Faith is a wonderful way to help you answer that call!

Onwards and Upwards in His love...*Carol Kurivial*