

The CAFÉ Team is beginning its fourth year of existence in August 2008. It has been a highly energized team committed to offering wholesome educational and formational programs for adults of all ages.

Over the past year we have sponsored the following adult formation opportunities:

October 2007 – we combined efforts with the choir and hosted two programs. Amy Blevins performed a concert for Cancer Research and Steve Ray, gave a great presentation on his story of Conversion to the Roman Catholic Church. Both of these programs were very successful.

We continue to provide a CD Rack which holds nine different topics on Catholic teachings. The CD's are \$3.00 each. They are displayed in the gathering space in church over the weekend and in the Family Center during the week. It is restocked as needed. Many people have shown an interest in them and it has seemed to be successful. We advertise it on our website and need to advertise it more in the bulletin.

Our major event this year was to host Sr. Helen Prejean, author of Dead Man Walking. This was a very lively and interested audience. We advertised her presentation throughout the diocese and locally. She presented two times, once on the evening of March 13 and again Friday morning, March 14. Approximately 800 people participated in this program.

The other project in place is the Drop In at Big Apple Bagel. We met the third Wednesday of the month from Feb. through May and will resume in September of 2008. We have averaged 20 – 40 people at the sessions and have felt that they have been very successful.

Our retiring members are Pat McAvinchey, Jeanne Clancy, Doris Piper and Mike Madden. According to our structure membership is on a rotating basis and one can serve possibly two consecutive 3 year terms. Bernie Tholl will continue on the committee to fulfill the 2 year term left open by Frank Kudwa who was unable to complete this term. Nominations are in process for the three year term beginning in August of 2008.

We will be holding a joint RCIA/CAFÉ dinner on June 16th to recognize those who will be leaving the groups after serving their commitment and also to celebrate the retirement of Sheila Walsh.