

St. Paul's Cathedral

2005 Annual Report

Mission Statement

The Mission of St. Paul's Cathedral is to offer hospitality, healing and hope in the name of Jesus Christ, in the City of Buffalo and the Diocese of Western New York.

We carry out our mission by:

- Being a house of prayer in the center of the city.
- Embodying the Anglican tradition of Christian believing, worship and music.
- Providing a place for study, conversation, community and conversion.
- Being the bishop's church and a center for diocesan life and worship.
- Welcoming all persons and serving human needs, especially among those who live or work in the heart of Buffalo.
- Equipping and celebrating baptized persons in their ministries.
- Developing resources to support our ministry.

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REPORT OF THE DEAN —THE VERY REV. N. DELIZA SPANGLER

At the time I am writing this, I have literally been in the office one week, so all of you know far more about the life of this cathedral than I do. But there are a few things I can say as someone coming in from the outside. From the people I have met - from search committee members, to vestry members, to parishioners generally - there is a wealth of very gifted, dedicated people. There are people who disagree with one another, but who care about each other in such a way that the disagreements aren't the most important aspect of their relationships. And absolutely everyone has been touched in a profound way by the cathedral itself - from the building to the worship to the music to the educational programs to the outreach to the people themselves. This cathedral community is a real gift - not just to the people here, but to the diocese at large and to those beyond the Episcopal Church.

Here, people who may not even believe in God may be drawn into a building simply because of its beauty. Here, people who never worship may be drawn to the music of the choir which envelopes its listeners in worship and prayer. Here people experience a community of diverse people who can be unified without being uniform in beliefs, economic status, education or cultural background. Here people encounter others who value the gifts of children and encourage them through education, acolyting and music. Here people encounter those who reach out to those beyond our own walls. Simply by existing, this place helps draw people into the possibility of a relationship with Christ. It is truly an amazing place and a gift of God's grace.

At annual meeting, and in the months ahead, we will begin to work together to determine how St. Paul's Cathedral can best serve the cause of Christ in this city. When we begin to talk about our vision, when we begin to talk about our dreams, it can easily degenerate into "There's no way we can do that because we don't have the money or the people or the facilities or (fill in the blank)." But that suggests that it is only we who will be doing this work and of course, it's not. It's God. As Bishop Barbara Harris once said, "The power behind us is greater than the task ahead of us."

As your new dean, I thank all the people - both those present and those who have gone before - for creating and maintaining this grand cathedral and its community. As we together work to carry out the work Christ sets before us, may we always recall the words of our patron, St. Paul, who assured us that "God's power working through us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine," for the power behind us is greater than the task ahead of us.

**REPORT OF THE WARDENS –Roger Seifert, Senior Warden and
Beverly Fortune, Junior Warden**

ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN-ROGER SEIFERT 10 JAN 2006

Dear Friends:

It is an understatement to reiterate that we have again ended a year of much change in our parish. 2005 began under the continued leadership of our beloved Interim Dean, Joe Fricker. Joe, in his wisdom, devoted 2005 to counseling and leading us, his earthly flock in his latest “retirement venue”, towards preparation and self understanding as we prepared to begin our search for a new cathedral dean. On 10 December we gathered at *The Mansion on Delaware* as a parish family, for the Fricker Gala, to say thank you and to express our love and gratitude to both Joe and Shirley.

Under the leadership of Search Committee Chair, Reid Heffner, we began our formal Search Committee work in February culminating in the 23 October announcement that The Rev. N. DeLiza Spangler had indeed, accepted our call as Dean Elect. What a joy to begin 2006 on Sunday 1 January with DeLiza celebrating her first Sunday with us. A record breaking attendance for a New Year’s Day Service was present to welcome DeLiza (The post service Champagne Reception may have helped get folks out of bed early on New Year’s Day!). In the coming weeks we will gather with great pomp and circumstance to celebrate the joy of DeLiza’s formal installation as Cathedral Dean.

The many changes we have all experienced as a parish, have allowed us to grow in the Holy Spirit. I firmly believe that we are a stronger, more vibrant, and progressive parish family than we have ever been in my almost twenty years here amongst you. Saint Paul’s Cathedral – Buffalo is a very special place, centered upon our shared Christian Faith and filled with friendship, warmth, diversity, culture, and perhaps above all, an aggressive, at times unspoken seeking of what is truly Holy.

On Sunday 29 January I will end my three year term as Warden (Yippee.. Yahoo...) and will leave on the 30th for a return visit with Paul Lillie in Jerusalem. I will return to Buffalo mid-February and with a lightened load of cathedral duties, finally have time to devote to some long overlooked career issues.

High on the wall of the Cathedral Dean’s Office (formerly The Wilson Room) is etched; *In Service To Others Find Joy*. My three year warden term has not been filled with joy. Many tough decisions have had to be made, and I truly believe that the Holy Spirit has guided me in service to my parish. I thank each and every member for allowing me to serve and encouraging me along the way. For anyone who has not stood for election to parish office, please do not hold back. Yes, there can be difficult days (or years!), but I cannot begin to explain how the experiences of the past three years have strengthened my own personal Faith. Times of both agreement and disagreement have allowed me to get to know so many of you very well and I thank you for allowing me to be part of your life here at Saint Paul’s Cathedral –Buffalo.

As Joe Fricker charged us so wisely in his final sermon, we must always remember where we have been and where we have come from, but we must also be wide open to change and to the direction our new leader DeLiza has been called to take us.

May God continue to bless our beloved cathedral parish.

In Faith,

Roger Mark Seifert

ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE JR. WARDEN—BEVERLY FORTUNE

So this is what a Warden's life is like!!! The task is enormous, the time commitment endless but the rewards great. Having been a member of St. Paul's for over thirty-five years, I thought I "knew it all". What a mistake! What an education I have had during the past twelve months! Of course there are many people to thank for the valuable help they gave on this journey. Bishop Fricker, in his infinite wisdom, was a constant support to me as I shared concerns and sometimes frustrations with him. His encouragement and appreciation inspired me to keep on doing what needed to be done and he often was instrumental in keeping me focused. Roger's vision and passion have been an inspiration to me. I could never fill his shoes but will do my best to honor the good work he has done. Thank you Roger!

There are others of you who have offered your support, encouragement and kindness to me on those occasions when it appeared that the role was taking its toll on me. You shall go nameless at this writing. I trust that you know who you are. My love and thanks to you also.

I have had a constant flow of communication with many of you this year. You have shared with me your comments, concerns, criticisms, and compliments during this time of transition. I tried to address your issues to the best of my ability and even if I couldn't; even when our opinions were contrary, I was always honored that you felt the freedom and trust to share with me. Please continue this exchange of information.

During this difficult year of change and uncertainty for us, I have seen lay leadership bloom like flowers in spring. In all areas new leaders have emerged. Group building was evident and committees which had waned in their enthusiasm have been resurrected with renewed spirit. A strong and tireless Search Committee, well representative of our congregation, convened, met weekly for seven months and recommended to the Vestry the call of The Rev. DeLiza Spangler to be our next Dean. The rest is history – the rest is our future.

With the encouragement of Canon Cole we now have a 20s and 30s group among us. They have made great efforts to display their leadership skills and to integrate themselves into our community. Many of you have extended yourselves in welcoming them and recognize the talents and richness they bring to St. Paul's. At a time when many young adults find little connection with the church, I rejoice in the formation of this group and anticipate its growth

Our stewardship committee, co-chaired by Barbara Hole and Michael Lehman gathered often to face the dreaded task of pledge solicitation. They did a wonderful job of reminding us that what we have is given to us by God and that as Christians we have a responsibility to give back an appropriate portion of our gifts to this place where we worship. This committee, generous in their personal giving, has vowed to continue this effort to build our stewardship and discover new ways of revenue building as they recognize that we cannot continue to offer all the excellent services you expect, without your financial participation.

Lynn Brunner expertly assumed the role vacated when Kristen Looney left for new opportunities in Maryland. Lynn brings her impressive education credentials and her own unique style into this position. She and her excellent team of teachers are rightfully excited about the introduction of the Godly Play curriculum and are working hard to implement it. Canon Cole and Cathy Dempsey have planned an excellent series of adult education offerings at 9:00 on Sunday mornings and I encourage you all to join the small but enthusiastic group which currently attends these informative while informal gatherings.

The Finance Committee, under the capable leadership of Gilbert Hernandez, has renewed its commitment to appropriate and responsible fiscal management of our resources. The Committee takes very seriously the Vestry directive to limit the draw from our endowment funds to 6% in any year. We owe it to our benefactors and to posterity to honor this directive. Better oversight of our spending is necessary and, while we are only at the beginning of this process, the Finance Committee is working hard to get a good handle on this in order to ensure the fine level of programming that you generously support and expect, when you make your annual pledge to St. Paul's.

This is somewhat of a preamble to my thoughts about the staff of St. Paul's, both clergy and lay. This fine group of hard-working, talented and loyal people has probably suffered most from some of the painful fiscal decisions and changes we have found it necessary to make in 2005. On a personal level I will share with you that even as they were faced with sometimes painful belt-tightening; even if they questioned some of our decisions; their courtesy, patience and thoughtful consideration has been a constant to those of us in decision making roles. I publicly thank them here. Vicki, Dana and Mary Ellen have willingly provided me with the volumes of information I have requested from them and have served most generously in terms of their time on the job. We have also this year installed new church based accounting software which has required set up of our general ledger and parishioner information. They have worked and continue to work diligently to get the kinks out of the system so that you and the vestry can be provided with accurate reporting of our pledge and financial activity. Thank you for your patience in regard to this.

New volunteers have also come to the forefront to assist in many of the tasks that need to be done. Martha Neri and Philip Pfaff have worked together to keep our website presentable and up to date. Dorothy Pope has continued to address the demanding responsibilities involved with worship preparation. She has tried very hard to recruit additional Altar Guild members and has often put in much overtime herself. Please offer your assistance in this area if you are available to assist this small team.

Patti Kight is working diligently to build our acolyte team, a most important element of our worship. As that membership grows we realize what a great recruiter and trainer she is. I see many new faces behind those torches and at the altar.

Musically speaking – a new and very active group of choir parents has convened to assist in the fundraising projects necessary to help support the choir trips which we are not able to fund in our operation budget. I'm sure their children appreciate all they do to give them the wonderful opportunity of this extensive travel experience.

And the list goes on – our dedicated parish nurse, coffee hour hostesses, decorators, mail preparers, greeters, music volunteers, choir parents, counters, parish visitors, teachers, and nursery help. At the risk of forgetting someone I will stop here. Look around and ask yourself how so many of the necessary chores are getting done. Maybe there is somewhere you can help.

As we enter a new era in the life of St. Paul's Cathedral we come together to welcome a new Dean and I hope will share the responsibility of a smooth transition for her and for us as a family. For my part, I pledge to you to do what I can in this transition. My priority as I become your Senior Warden, remains what it was as your Junior Warden – to always be cognizant of my accountability to you who have put me into this office; to face and accept this responsibility with sincere commitment to the Christian community that we are and to do what I can to support you in your personal ministries.

Faithfully,

Beverly A. Fortune

MINUTES FROM THE 2004 ANNUAL MEETING

147 people attended the luncheon.

Bishop Fricker opened the meeting with prayer at 12:17 p.m. Prayers for Bishop J. Michael Garrison, the Profile and Search Committees, and those who had died in 2004, among others, were included.

Bishop Fricker asked that members review the Annual Report page re: Changes in 2004 and notify the office if corrections are to be made.

Roger Seifert, Senior Warden, was introduced and spoke of the delay in the Budget and the status of the Financial Report. He anticipates a full report to parishioners by March end-of-month. He named with special thanks Gilbert Hernandez who has worked so diligently on the budget and financial reporting, and to Michael Lehman for his leadership of the Stewardship Campaign. At the time of the meeting, there had been 146 pledging units for a total of \$255,000 as against the same time last year when the numbers were 178 and \$261,000. This represents a significant increase per pledging unit. Roger took this opportunity to request that people who have not yet done so don't put off making a pledge.

Highlights of Bishop Fricker's Remarks

Roger Seifert and Priscilla Wiedl have served the St. Paul's community faithfully as Senior and Junior Wardens respectively. They served in an extremely difficult and stressful time and kept the Cathedral afloat during the summer months when there was no Dean.

The Vestry has watched all that takes place here with great care. Members are wise in the decisions they're called upon to make, and they're patient with very long meetings. Special thanks to those whose terms end today: Cheryl Fisher, Reid Heffner, Vanessa Scinta, Gary Thomas and youth representatives Amy Keresztes and Stefana Scinta. Appreciation to Gilbert Hernandez, Treasurer and Nancy Boncore, Clerk of the Vestry.

I am pleased that members of the Cathedral staff, all but three of whom are new, could be present today. I assured those gathered that we are blessed by the ministry of each and every one of them. Introduction in order by seniority: Eleanor Bender, Mary Ellen Keeler, Phyllis Rudz, Andrew Scanlon, Diana Foster, Drew Cantrill, Leann McConchie, Kristen Fishbaugh-Looney, Ethan Cole, Vicki Fithian, Joe Oorange, Dana Skinner and Vera Kozak. Additionally, two others, though technically not staff, are faithful assistants: Bruce Gillies and Michael Szymanski.

I offer special commendation to Bishop Garrison. Bishop Garrison "uses" his cathedral exactly as a bishop should and his frequent presence is always appreciated. He is with us at all the great liturgical days and he presides at the noon Eucharist every Friday. Thank you to Michael and Carol who both honor us by their presence so often.

Allen Farabee faithfully presided at the Holy Table of this Cathedral Church for the first 6 months of 2004. He conscientiously preached the Word of God, and he occupied the Dean's Office and all that is implied by that. I acknowledge that ministry and appreciate all that he accomplished while he was here.

I accepted the call to be your Interim Dean because we knew you, and we loved our former association with you. Like old friends should, we wanted to be with you in your time of need.

We came, but our coming has been just nostalgia. We find ourselves again part of a parish community ready for a renewed life of worship and service. I see signs of new life all around. There's a steady stream of newcomers taking a role, and long time members continue their active involvement in the committees that have always been so much of the energy of St. Paul's. I see an impressive increase in the average pledge made, a wonderful growth in the exciting programs for children, teens and young adults. I see the Body of Christ gathering Sunday by Sunday in this venerable place. It is alive and well and celebrating, and Shirley and I are proud to be part of your life.

By the time Bishop Fricker finished speaking, the election results were available.

Warden – Beverly Fortune

Vestry – Karen Hoepfinger

Cathy Dempsey

Joseph Nardiello

Leyla Kamalick

Thomas Salvatori (Beverly Fortune's unexpired term)

Jr. Vestry - Anna Hezel

Kristen Saetveit

Convention Delegates - Katherine Marquardt

Leonard Salvatori

Dorothy Pope

Bishop Fricker then introduced Bishop J. Michael Garrison who spoke briefly.

Highlights of Bishop Garrison's Remarks

Thanks to Bishop Fricker for his work here.

I am looking forward to the process that will bring the new Dean here.

Thanks to Shirley Fricker for releasing Joe. Their willingness to be among us again is touching.

Carol is in Honduras, where with the support of the Diocese of WNY and the Diocese of Northern Michigan, the Little Roses orphanage will soon begin a new school year.

I deeply appreciate this parish community. Worship here is uplifting and wonderful. Bishops were an afterthought in the American Church. I'm grateful that Joe suffers us.

Bishop Fricker introduced Raymond, a representative of the homeless in downtown Buffalo who expressed thanks for all the services provided for this particular community. When asked what we might do more, he said that Episcopal Community Services could take a more direct role in the organizations they fund.

Finally, Bishop Fricker asked the kitchen staff to come out from the kitchen so that we could express our appreciation for the wonderful lunch.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m., and Bishop Garrison offered a blessing in closing.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy J. Boncore, Clerk of the Vestry

REPORT OF THE TREASURER AND CHAIR OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE—
GILBERT HERNANDEZ

I sincerely hope that all of you had a wonderful and healthy year. One of the responsibilities of the Treasurer is to provide an analysis of the financial state of the Cathedral. I will start with the resources of the Cathedral.

The Cathedral is an endowed church. We have approximately eight million dollars of donor designated funds. These funds are invested in various financial instruments. The investment strategies are left to consultants but there is an investment committee that makes final decisions on all investments recommended by our hired consultants.

It is my opinion that the cost of hiring investment consultants is very minimal and that their advice has paid very good dividends during the past ten years. During the major down years of the financial markets we have fared well in avoiding major loss of endowment resources. The past few years the markets have inched a bit forward and we are beginning to see a slight increase in our endowments.

The endowment funds provide about 40-50% of operational funds. We generally draw 6% of a 13 quarter (15 months) average of the investment funds to support operations of the Cathedral. This was approximately \$481,000 for fiscal year 2005. Our budget for 2005 was approximately \$950,000. The draw for 2005 provides over 50% of the

resources that were designated for operations in 2005. About 25% of operational resources come from pledges. This was approximately \$260,000 for 2005. This is about a 1 to 2 ratio of pledges to draw funds.

It is imperative that we do our best in the next few years to increase this ratio. We should be pledging at least a dollar for every dollar that we draw from our endowments. It is the most appropriate way to safeguard our investment principal and increase financial security for future Cathedral congregations. Our 2004 operations generated a \$150,000 deficit. The 2004 deficit raised our real draw for 2004 to 9%. The Finance Committee, the Wardens and I were determined to avoid this kind of spending and overdraw of our investment funds again.

Last year we embarked on an effort to develop and implement a balance and responsible spending plan and a maximum draw of 6%. I am relatively certain that the 2005 audit will confirm that we accomplished or came very close in achieving these fiscal goals. We also made a plea for people to increase their initial pledge which raised an additional \$29,000 dollars of resources which helped very much in maintaining good programs and paid for expenses that were not anticipated when the 2005 budget was drafted.

Our financial system is still in a transitional phase. The Finance Committee has and continues to work with staff in monitoring expenses and assisting in the implementation of fiscal procedures that will provide viable financial information to the Vestry. I am very optimistic about the financial well being of the Cathedral in the near future. We need to continue to adhere to a balanced budget, maintain the budget under one million dollars, cap our draw to this year's draw or less, and raise at least \$300,000 in pledges for fiscal year 2006. If we can achieve these objectives in the next few years my optimism will extend well beyond the near future.

Gilbert Hernandez,

Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair

ANNUAL REPORT CHANGES IN 2005

TRANSFERRED IN

Alexandra Townson
Wayne A. Mori
Susan M. Monin
Alma Brown
Clinton Brown
Ellyn Z. Lane
Dennis C. Stuart

CONFIRMATION

Patrick A. Cray, Jr.\
John L. Fithian
Ian M. Libglid
Samuel P. Naylor
Cullen O. Brown
Cyndy C. Scott (reaffirm)
Michael C. Strzalka (reaffirm)

RECEIVED

James J. Burritt
Denise T. Doherty
Patrick L. McNamara
Myron A. Plante
Andrew D. Shapiro-Zysk
David J. Shapiro-Zysk

BAPTISM

Wendy A. Metz
Jamie N. Hendon
Liam D. Ferguson
Heather C. Wingerter
Piper L. Stevens
Robert W. Corbett
Zachary O. Walnicki
Braden M. Wolf
Haylee K. Wolf

BAPTIZED PERSON(S)

Kevin M. Smith
Jeanna T. Smith
Kathleen A. Hartmans
Robert M. Meyer
Delwyn P. Milander
Juliette Brown
Karen M. Brendel

TRANSFERRED OUT

Judith G. Hibbard
Linda Benzin
Robert Benzin
Alice M. Cliff
Andrea Polvino
Gary A. Thomas
Glenn A. Smith
Gary A. Seibold
Kelly A. Seibold
Benjamin R. Siebold
Meredith L. Seibold
Barbara J. Coffin

REMOVED BY REQUEST

Lester E. Locke
Joan Lehman
Albert J. Stewart

DEATHS

Robert A. Hoebel
Loretta E. Betts
Arnold T. Olena
Dorothy M. Gibson
Jane A. Wood
Mary R. Templeton
Larry J. Fioretto
Louise E. Jackson
Elizabeth M. Skillman
Sally K. Stewart
Kathleen Nevins
Jack R. Manko
Diane Betts
Norma E. Lis
Ida Syzdek
Paul C. Kraebel
Frank Jackson III
Violet Gordon
Robert Corbett

WEDDINGS

Christine Mendez-Timothy Tutko
Jennifer May-Michael Wright
Jennifer McGinty-William Winspear
Richelle Derrah-Bruce Kelly

REPORT OF THE REV. ETHAN J. COLE—CANON FOR CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

As Canon for Congregational Life under our interim Dean, Bishop Fricker, one of my principal duties was to help Bishop Fricker manage the very full round of liturgical worship that goes on in this place every week. It has been my great privilege to share fully in the preaching and presiding tasks on Sundays, weekday celebrations of the Eucharist, Morning Prayer, and Choral Evensong (for which I have been taking voice lessons), and special services that occur from time to time such as weddings (and the pre-marital sessions that precede), funerals, certain feast days, and the annual blessing of animals.

We were sad to say goodbye this past year to Canon Looney who was responsible for organizing the Christian Education for adults and children. Dr. Lynn Brunner and I have split up the responsibilities formerly belonging to Canon Looney. Dr. Brunner now manages the Christian education for children, and I for adults. We have had a book club, Sunday forums, Sunday Bible studies, and a few special educational events.

One of the most exciting events last year was the retreat led by Brother Kevin Hackett from the Society of St. John the Evangelist—a monastic order for men in the Episcopal Church and Anglican Church of Canada. Br. Kevin led a quiet retreat day for us entitled “Road to Resurrection: Praying with Jesus through Holy Week.” It was spiritually very enriching, and well attended both by St. Paul’s parishioners and outsiders. Because of its success, Br. Kevin will be returning to St. Paul’s accompanied by Br. Alan Cooper to lead us in a retreat focused on the pivotal question of Jesus to his disciples entitled “Who do you say that I am?” More on this event will be forthcoming.

Of great joy to me has been my ministry with the 20s and 30s group. This age group is critical for the future health of the Church. We meet weekly for prayer and fellowship, and occasionally for other sorts of social outings. This past year’s Holy Week was a tremendous experience for a number of us in this group because we covenanted with each other to meet daily, praying and fasting our way with Jesus to Jerusalem, the cross, and the empty tomb. Bishop Michael Garrison was gracious to ask Ms. Alexandra Townson and myself to represent Western New York at a conference on ministry with this age group in Denver, Colorado. While we desire to grow as a group and find more ways to continue deepening our discipleship to Christ, Ms. Townson and I were thrilled to discover that what we have accomplished as a 20s and 30s group outstrips what is being done even at many large congregations in cities much larger than Buffalo. Besides meeting with each other, the 20s and 30s group puts on the occasional fancy reception (Easter Vigil and Pentecost, among others) and members of this group serve on various other committees of the Church.

Along with the rest of St. Paul’s I have been awaiting with eager expectation the arrival of our new Dean. Bishop Fricker so ably guided us to the day when we said goodbye to him, and hello to The Very Rev. N. DeLiza Spangler. Now we stand at a thrilling moment, when we are all gearing up to work to achieve the vision of our new Dean for this great Cathedral parish.

**ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE CANON FOR PASTORAL
CARE—THE REV. DEACON LEANN MCCONCHIE**

The Mission of St. Paul's Cathedral is to offer hospitality, healing and hope in the Name of Jesus Christ, in the City of Buffalo and the Diocese of Western New York.

We continue to manifest that mission in the area of Pastoral Care for our Cathedral Family by:

Equipping and celebrating baptized persons in their ministries. Canon McConchie offered *leadership* to equip and support those who are involved in Pastoral Care ministries by offering:

- Supervision of Pastoral Visitors and Eucharistic Visitors.
- Collaboration on matters of Pastoral care with members of the Chapter, the Parish Nurse, and Clergy around pastoral needs and visitation.
- Coordination of flower distribution at Christmas and Easter.
- Training and Development of new Eucharistic Ministers and Eucharistic Visitors in Fall of 2005.
- Coordination of the program for the “monthly” meeting of St. Paul’s seniors, for Eucharist, lunch, and program/social activities.

Please join me in heralding the efforts of Carol Kuziak who retired from her regular role as head chef after many years of active duty. Special thanks to Dorothy Pope for taking on the role of head chef – along with those who are faithful in supporting the flawless execution of the luncheon, Joe Orange, Joseph and Mary Nardiello, Elaine Wallace, John and Carol Goodman, and Mae Lewis, as they are able. Although “retired” from active duty, Carol has asked to continue to lead the efforts in December and June.

Please join me in offering special thanks to the Music Department, Andrew Scanlon and Drew Cantrill for providing the music to accompany our celebration of the Eucharist; to Diana Foster for her support in the programs as she is able; and to Mary Piller for her wonderful accompaniment on the violin on several occasions to brighten our celebrations.

I am also most grateful to the Nardiello’s, the Foster’s, and Dorothy Pope for their support in providing rides to some of our seniors who would not otherwise be able to attend the program.

- In October, our program included our annual field trip. This year we visited the Botanical Gardens and enjoyed lunch at Curly’s in Lackawanna, NY. Special thanks to Joseph and Mary Nardiello who provided some free passes to the Gardens to help offset the expense.

Welcoming all persons and serving human needs, especially among those who live or work in the heart of Buffalo.

- Canon McConchie gave direct support to the pastoral care needs of the members of St. Paul's and those who came to the cathedral upon request. This includes but not limited to "walk-ins" at the parish house, or following weekday or Sunday services office appointments; visits to shut-ins at home; visits to parishioners and others in hospitals, skilled nursing, and rehabilitation facilities.
- The needs and ways to support victims of domestic violence and sexual assault were highlighted at the fall Ministries Fair this year.
- Canon McConchie regularly offers her time and talent as a Advocate Volunteer to Crisis Services Advocate Program for hospital visitation of victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and elder abuse.
- Canon McConchie continues in her role as Chaplain to Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault in the Episcopal Diocese of Western New York and the wider Western New York community, on an ad hoc basis. The Rev. Judith Breny supervises this work in her role as Chaplain Supervisor for the EDWNY.
- Canon McConchie has offered regular, ongoing, pro bono support to the Steering Committee of the Family Justice Center of Erie County to facilitate the opening of the Family Justice Center – a place of collaboration among professionals in the DV community for victims of Family and Domestic Violence – for first quarter 2006.
- Canon McConchie performed an emergency baptism, requested by a resident of the Episcopal Church Home.
- Canon McConchie prepared one couple for Holy Matrimony and officiated at the service. Father Newbert performed the nuptial blessing and celebrated the Eucharist.

I celebrated my fifth year as a Deacon on May 6th. I thank God and Bishop Michael, along with the Deans, Wardens, and Vestry for the opportunity to exercise my liturgical ministry, as Deacon at St. Paul's, these past five years. The opportunity to walk with you as Canon for Pastoral Care, has made this journey even sweeter.

Thank you.

The Rev. Deacon Leann P. McConchie,
Canon for Pastoral Care

ANNUAL REPORT FROM DR. LYNN BRUNNER—COORDINATOR FOR CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The biggest change to occur for Christian Education at St. Paul's this year was the departure of our beloved Canon Kristen Looney. Her husband had been working for some months in Annapolis, Maryland, and had been commuting home to be with Kristen and their two young daughters on weekends. They worked very hard to make the arrangement succeed, but when Kristen was offered a position as Chaplain at St. Timothy's, a private Episcopal high school for girls in Baltimore, Kristen, with much sorrow at leaving St. Paul's, accepted so that her family could be together.

Fortunately, Kristen's hard work had established a strong Christian Education program on which we could continue to build. After a review of curriculum, the Christian Education Committee, chaired by Cathy Dempsey, decided on adopting *Godly Play*, a church school curriculum that we would use with students pre-k through grade 6. The curriculum, developed by Episcopal priest Jerome Berryman, is based on the work of Maria Montessori, and makes use of manipulatives and story-telling techniques to tell sacred stories, parables and explain liturgical actions.

Mr. Edwin Johnston, hearing about *Godly Play*, generously gave us a grant of money to implement the curriculum. With those funds Cathy Dempsey and I traveled to Annapolis, MD, in June, to be trained and accredited in the *Godly Play* techniques. We also ordered curriculum materials to begin *Godly Play* instruction in September with our Church School students. We recruited nine additional volunteers from our congregation to be trained as *Godly Play* teachers. They are: Alma Brown, Cheryl Fisher, Michael Lehman, Tom and Meg O'Malley, Kathy Reiss, Mick Szymanski, Andrea Szymanski, and Kim Zittel-Palamara. We were so lucky to assemble such a talented group of people. All share an interest in teaching our children the stories of our faith, but each brings a unique set of talents and experience in teaching, story-telling, drama and life experience to the work of *Godly Play*. In addition, a group of about five Sunday school teachers from Arcade United Church of Christ joined us for the training. James Fishbaugh, Kristen's father, and their interim pastor, had told them about *Godly Play*. We had a very successful two session training program in July. Arcade UCC has since begun the program and remains excited. We have communicated with them about reuniting to discuss our experiences. We may have the only alliance of *Godly Play* instructors in our region.

Since then, we have begun the *Godly Play* lessons in Church School with great success for students and teachers alike. Storytelling has proved greatly rewarding for us as teachers. The students have taken to it like fish to water, becoming quickly engaged, some constructing and telling stories of their own.

Nursery

We have made significant changes in the nursery. We have hired new staff. Sarah

Wolf was hired specifically to care for toddlers and babies. She is a medical assistant with much experience in childcare. We also hired Sarah Bunt, a member of the Schola and mother of a toddler, as well as Laura Shea, a teenager, to assist in the nursery. Sarah Wolf Sarah Bunt and Noel Kraebel, as well as myself, were trained in CPR and first aid with a special emphasis on infants and children. Kathy Reiss continues her long-time work in our nursery with her excellent children's ministry skills and invaluable work in Children's Chapel. We follow state regulation guidelines for health and safety in the nursery. We consider our work in the nursery a ministry to our children.

Children's Chapel/Children's Liturgy

Each Sunday at the 10:00 am service, we gather children in the aisle at the reading of the Gospel, then proceed to the Holy Spirit Chapel where we light candles, hear a story, and sing faith songs. The children range in age from infants to "tweens," but all are welcome. Their parents or older siblings accompany many of the youngest, and nursery staff is available to help if parents would like to listen to the sermon. We have had many magical moments when the Holy Spirit has surely been present. Kathy Reiss skillfully tells stories age appropriate for the youngest but relevant to all. Patricia Hills, a talented music teacher, often provides voice and guitar accompaniment. The simple ritual of song, story, and prayer, are designed to help children experience and come closer to God.

Advent and Christmas Observance and Celebration

Christmas Eve was marked by another magical Christmas pageant performed by our church school participants. This year the pageant directed by our own Kate Olena, a talented actress and teacher of drama at the Nichols School. We were grateful for her time and wonderful imagination and energy. Vera Kozak once again helped to costume the characters most beautifully. We benefited from all the talented effort put into our first pageant last year, sewing and construction performed by parish members. The heartfelt performance by the children, though, made Christmas Eve very joyful and meaningful for many of us. Thank You!

Canon Cole and I planned our annual Advent Day observance at the Cathedral with *Godly Play* liturgy, storytelling, meditation, pageant rehearsal and lunch. We had all in place, but unfortunately had to cancel at the last minute due to inclement weather.

Thank You, Everyone.

I want to thank every one of you who have supported me in my work here at St. Paul's. I won't name you all here for fear of leaving someone out. Every kind word of encouragement, every kindness you've shown to our children, and support you've offered for our efforts in Christian Education is, I hope you know, cherished.

ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT—
DREW CANTRILL, ORGANIST/CHOIRMASTER

The year 2005 was another busy and exciting year for the music program. We have spent the last 12 months working hard at recruitment, to guarantee the future of our children's choirs; creating a core repertoire of fun and challenging music; presenting concerts in a new and creative way; fundraising for a highly successful European tour; and building new support networks around the choirs.

We currently have 18 boy choristers, 22 girl choristers and 15 gentlemen of the cathedral choirs. The renamed Adult Choir (*Schola Cantorum*) now numbers 20 singers, including paid section leaders. Our weekly schedule has continued as before, with choir rehearsals every day after school except Monday, and choral Evensong being offered at 5:45 pm Tuesday through Thursday. From January 2006, evensong will be sung on alternate Fridays by the Men & Girls as a preparation for their UK/Sweden tour in July. The 10:00 am Choral Eucharist on Sundays continues to involve both treble choirs – either singing in the stalls with the men, or from the gallery. This arrangement has provided excellent opportunities for all singers, and the repertoire of mass settings has grown exponentially.

The music program is overseen by a hardworking and effective music committee. My thanks to Nancy Stecker (Chair) and her team. Sub-committees include the Choir Association (Kathie Hartmans), the Alumni Association (Dan Yox), Recruitment (Debbie Keresztes), Education (Patricia Hills), and Organ outreach (Andrew Scanlon) - in addition to a representative from Friends of Music (Priscilla Wiedl). The music office is ably overseen by Vera Kozak, who is responsible for the smooth-running of all non-musical aspects of the music program (there are many!). My thanks to her for her hard work, support, dedication and unflagging enthusiasm.

The choirs sang nearly 250 public services and concerts during 2005. Highlights included a premier performance of Walton's *The Twelve* in November 2004; a well-attended Christmas Concert featuring Rutter's *Brother Heinrich's Christmas*; the launch of our organ education outreach project 'Organ Works'; a critically acclaimed performance of the Monteverdi 'Vespers' in May; a series of meditations for Holy Week; a Girls' Choir tour to Richmond, VA; in late May; the Men & Boys' European Tour in July and August; a liturgical performance of Bach's cantata *Ein feste burg ist unser Gott* in October; a feast of music by Benjamin Britten at the annual St. Cecilia Concert in November; and a wonderful concert of jazz for the holidays in Dec 2005.

Much has been written about the Men & Boys' tour elsewhere, but the musical effect of three weeks of intense rehearsal is still being felt, months later. As important, was the time the choir spent together as a family; many parents noted how grown up their

children seemed on their return and I am grateful to the men of the choirs for their care and mentoring. There are too many memorable tour occasions to mention, but the thrill of singing to a capacity congregation in Notre Dame de Paris will stay with me for a very long time! Thank you once again to Nancy Stecker, tour manager.

Sadly, we had to say 'goodbye' to both Andrew Scanlon (Assistant Organist-Choirmaster) and Stephen Price (Organ Scholar) during the year. Stephen left for college and Andrew was appointed to a professorship in organ performance at Duquesne University, Pittsburgh. They are both enjoying wonderful new opportunities, but we miss them very much. We are about to begin a search process for Andrew's replacement and we will appoint an organ scholar should a suitably qualified student be available. Other musical support has been provided by Patricia Hills (music theory) and Jamie Burritt (vocal lessons). Jamie has also been helping direct the choirs following Andrew's departure. Many thanks to you both. Friends of Music has provided its usual invaluable financial support and the board is to be congratulated on a very successful past season. Friends of Music does much to foster interest in choral music in our community and its volunteers give generously of their time. The organization is vital to the success of the music program.

Future plans include a continuation of the Bach cantata series begun in 2005; a 'Come & Sing' event with Bruce Neswick; a visit to St. Thomas Church, New York City by the Men & Boys; the Men & Girls' tour to England (Chichester & London) and Sweden (Stockholm & Uppsala); and concerts by Pierre Pincemaille (Paris, France) and the choir of St. John's College, Cambridge.

My sincere thanks to all the musicians who have contributed so much over the past year. Singing in the cathedral choirs involves a large commitment of time and energy and I have felt myself fortunate indeed to work with such a dedicated group of people. Thank you to the choir mothers, Nancy Stecker and Wendy Darling for their wonderful pastoral work amongst the treble choirs, and to the clergy and churchwardens for their ongoing encouragement and support.

Andrew Cantrill

Organist-Choirmaster

REPORT OF THE PARISH NURSE 2005– DIANA FOSTER

The parish nurse ministry seeks to provide an additional professional component to an already effective pastoral care program at St. Paul's which offers wholeness spiritually, physically, and emotionally.

As your Parish Nurse, I have provided monthly blood pressure screenings. This has resulted in several parishioners being referred to their health care providers for further consultation and testing. In several instances measures such as medication and diet adjustment have resulted in marked improvement the person's physical condition.

In June a CPR course was offered, involving ushers, Christian Education workers, youth, and Vestry members. Again this year we provided a flu vaccination clinic, which was open to the public. I have made numerous hospital and nursing home visits in consultation with Deacon Leann McConchie. I have made myself available at all times for nursing consultation when needed.

I am a member of the Western New York Parish Nurse Institute, attending its monthly meetings. I attended the annual Western New York Parish Nurse Institute symposium last June, as a continuing education opportunity.

During last summer's tour of the Men and Boys Choir tour in England and France, I served as "Tour Nurse", dispensing medications, tending to various minor scrapes, bruises, sea and bus sickness, homesickness, etc. providing a measure of comfort and reassurance to parents.

Along with the pastoral staff, I have worked with the St. Paul's Seniors, providing transportation, assisting with programs, and maintaining up-to-date information on the status of our senior members. I have been on hand to assist the residents of the Episcopal Home on the Sundays they are brought to church.

It is a great privilege to work with Canon Ethan Cole and Deacon Leann McConchie in helping to provide a high level of pastoral care through our Cathedral Community.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diana R. Foster, RN

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT TO THE DEAN—VICKI FITHIAN, ESQ.

Financial Office. After many long days and weekends in the office without complaint, Dana Skinner successfully transferred all of our financial information into the new database. Any questions about your pledge or contributions are handled by her at extension 230. If you would like to have your pledge or contribution taken directly out of your checking or savings account or charged to your credit card, or if you would like envelopes, please contact her. I would like to thank Dana for her quick wit and sunny disposition which helps to psychologically minimize the at times crushing workload.

Front Office. The front office continues to run smoothly under the able direction of Mary Ellen Keeler, parish secretary. She is the cheerful voice you hear when you call the Cathedral. She always has a smile and pleasant demeanor even when all three lines are ringing at once, people are waiting in the lobby, choir children are scurrying around waiting for practice to begin and bulletin deadlines need to be met after last minute changes.

Sextons. Joe Orrange continues to superbly maintain the Cathedral, the Parish House and the office building at 2-4 Cathedral Park. There is always something breaking as the buildings are older. He does many of the repairs himself, saving the Cathedral much in repair bills. He is the smiling man you see on Sunday morning in the purple cassock. He always goes above and beyond the call of duty, coming in on his days off to check on things.

Ellie Bender, our part time sexton, has been here the longest of any of the staff. She lives on the fourth floor of the Parish House and has the night duty. She opens and closes for events every night except Thursday. She works part time during the day cleaning the Parish House. She is always willing to cheerfully help with the Seniors events and the youth group meetings.

I assisted with the administrative duties of the Interim Dean, The Rt. Rev. J.C. Fricker. As he was a part time Interim Dean, I had many of the administrative duties of the office to tend to on Wed., Thurs., and Fri., his days off, as well as during his vacations and after his departure in December until the arrival of our new Dean on January 1.

The administrative duties of the Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral are many and varied. The Cathedral has an annual budget of almost one million dollars, three older physical structures with two tenants, many outside groups as well as inside groups and committees which use the Cathedral, 6-8 full time staff and 5-6 part time staff, investments of over eight million dollars, and approximately 250 parishioners.

Mary Ellen, Dana, Joe, Ellie and I are happy to serve this glorious Cathedral and all of its parishioners.

PROPERTIES COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

The Properties Committee serves as the principal steward for the physical facilities of the Cathedral and associated office buildings (128 Pearl St. and 2-4 Cathedral Park).

While there are many significant expenditures made to operate and maintain the cathedral and associated office buildings, the Properties Committee controls only some of them. Many are outside the purview of this committee. In 2005 the Properties Committee made the following expenditures on behalf of the congregation:

Let the Stones Sing (Exterior masonry)	\$200,069.32
Capital Improvements	\$15,289.00
Service Contract/Maintenance	\$30,907.04
Supplies	\$6730.58

A complete listing of projects completed by the committee in 2005 is attached, as is a listing of ongoing projects.

Current membership is as follows:

David Kozak, Chair and Vestry Liaison
Phil Niederhauser, Co-Chair
Bob Blank
Jack Carlton
John Goodman
John Fithian
Peter Flickinger
Muriel Poole
Bob Wallace
Roger Seifert, Warden (through Jan 29, 2006)
Bev Fortune, Warden
Joachim Fricker, Interim Dean (through Dec 31, 2005)
DeLiza Spangler, Dean (a/o Jan 1, 2006)
Joe Orrange, Sexton and Staff Liaison
Ellie Bender, Sexton

Tasks in Progress for 2006

30701/Walker Room Baseboards
40408/Temperature Cathedral and 128 Pearl
40801/Office windows

40804/Kitchen Countertop
41006/Roof Slates
41007/Gutter Heat Trace
50106/Computer Desks
50108/4 CP High Heat Bills
50109/Archive Display Case
50201/Bannister Railing
50301/Clerestory Storm Windows
50501/Exterior Cathedral Doors
50801/Garbage Totes
50802/Cathedral Stained Window Protection
50803/Exterior Water Leaks
50902/Kitchen Floor Edge
50904/Digital Bells/Keyboard
51001/Cathedral Lighting Faults
51101/Pew Cushions
51102/Exterior Handrails

Completed Tasks for 2005

312/Exterior Masonry completed (Let the Stones Sing)
50104/Walker Room Dividers installed
40901/Women's Toilet leak repaired
50107/New Printer/FAX for office
50202/Fire Extinguisher Signs installed
50302/Basement Door holder installed
Sprinkler System deficiencies repaired
Kitchen dishwasher plumbing/repaired
40402/Counting Room Refurbished
50301/Cathedral Lighting re-lamped
50901/Richmond Chapel Candleholder repaired and re-silvered
50905/Kitchen Sink valves replaced
50906/Ext Kitchen vents repainted
50601/Scaife Room whiteboard cleaned

ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE
We Choose to Give

The annual stewardship campaign was led this year by Michael Lehman and Barbara Hole and featured an invitation from the Ferguson family, followed by a narrative budget, a history of giving and a letter of support from the Wardens and Vestry. Under the theme **We Choose to Give**, members of the Cathedral were asked to make or renew a commitment to share their time, talents and treasure with St. Paul's.

The results of the campaign are worth celebrating. In a year of continued change for the Cathedral, with charitable gifts declining at many organizations in Western New York, our annual pledging totaled \$254,474 as of January 6, 2006. Many thanks to the stewardship team of Sharon Bass, Len Salvatori, Ally Townson, Suzie Flickinger and Allyn Foster, to Nancy Boncore and Gilbert Hernandez, the Wardens and all of the Vestry members who shared their suggestions and showed their leadership by giving. Thanks also to the entire Cathedral community for supporting our mission through your generous pledges and contributions. Special thanks go to the 25 new pledges for 2005.

Pledges:	Average Pledge:
2006: 152	2006: \$1674.17
2005: 170	2005: \$1610.42
2004: 178	2004: \$1468.62
2003: 187	2003: \$1270.78

Amount:	Median Pledge:
2006: \$254,474	2006: \$960.00
2005: \$273,771	2005: \$936.00
2004: \$261,416	2004: \$900.00
2003: \$237,636	2003: \$600.00

Pledge Distribution:	2006	2005	2004	2003
\$10,000 and above	2	2	1	1
\$5,000 to \$10,000	7	8	8	6
\$3,000 to \$5,000	10	10	13	12
\$1,000 to \$3,000	47	55	63	60
\$1,000 and less	85	96	93	108

Contributions from people who receive The Chimes:

2005: 13 donations for \$182

2004: 26 donations for \$1,705

2003: 29 donations for \$3,465

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

During the year, at the suggestion of Bishop Fricker, the Communications Committee suspended meeting until the arrival of the new Dean. Meanwhile, Martha Neri took over the duties of Phyllis Rudz; Karen Hoepfinger continued editing the CHIMES; and Phillip Pfaff was our Web Wizard.

In March, 2005, the position of Director of Public Relations was eliminated in a cost-cutting effort. Unfortunately, that also meant we had to say goodbye to Phyllis Rudz who held the position. Martha Neri has taken on a few of her duties such as attending weekly staff meetings; write and submit the weekly classified ad to the Buffalo News; write press releases for non-music events; and generally promote events held at the Cathedral. Martha has also been taking many of the pictures seen in the CHIMES and on our web site.

The CHIMES became a monthly publication in 2005. Karen Hoepfinger skillfully guided this transition. A new photo copier with reasonably priced color printing capability enhanced the new "Photo Album" feature in the CHIMES.

Phillip Pfaff continued his work as our Cathedral web site Web Wizard. His duties include posting sermons, events, photos and the CHIMES to our site.

GOALS for 2006 include:

- * Resume regular meetings of the Communication Committee.
- * Improve communications of events and other activities within the parish.
- * Review the contract with our Web Server and update the site if possible.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNUAL REPORT FROM ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL
HUNGER-OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The Hunger-Outreach Committee met eight times this year. Using our guide to gift giving we funded requests for a number of food pantries in the diocese and one in Chautauqua County. We continue to gift Child and Family Services summer program and the Locust Street Neighborhood Art Classes and the WNY Peace Center Conflict Resolution programs in schools.

Our focus this year has been to continue our outreach to the Friends of the Night People, once monthly hands-on meal service and food advocacy as the need to feed hungry people "never goes away".

We are grateful to the congregation for continuing to fill our Sunday food baskets for distribution to the all zone pantry at 1272 Delaware Ave., the home of the Network of Religious Communities.

Our emphasis in the Christmas season has been to suggest alternative giving to groups which include the WNY Food Bank, UNICEF, the Heifer Project and Episcopal Fund for World Relief.

The Chicken Barbeque in the fall and a baked goods sale in May, 2006 add to our "Outreach" fund.

We are grateful to our 15 committee members and invite interested folk to join us.

To paraphrase Luke 6:38 "For the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again."

The Hunger-Outreach Committee

Judith Metzger

Robert Ludwig

Gilbert Hernandez

Muriel Poole

Mary and Joseph Nardiello

Michael Szymanski

Elizabeth Schreier

Reid Heffner

James Yox

Andrea Szymanski

Martha Neri

Sophia Chimera

Pam Bartlett

Greg Kay

WORSHIP COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2005

In 2005, the Worship Committee, which had been reactivated upon the arrival of Bishop Fricker, resumed its work on the ambitious agenda set in 2004. The committee met on an almost monthly basis during the year.

The current committee members, representing the various aspects of liturgical life, are Nancy Boncore, Drew Cantrill, The Rev. Ethan Cole, Jason Elliott, John Fithian, Terry Fortune, Reid Heffner, Patti Kight, Vera Kozak, Dorothy Pope, Lynn Brunner, Mark Smith and Jonathan Stecker.

As in the past, the Worship Committee reviewed the services in each of the liturgical seasons such as Christmas and Easter. Plans were discussed in preparation for each season and an evaluation of the results was done afterwards. Also discussed were "ordinary" Sunday services, Saturday Eucharist and weekday services.

The training of liturgical participants was an important issue, one of which is acolyte instruction which has made great progress under the capable direction of Patti Kight.

The committee recommended that the Sunday Service Bulletin be streamlined in view of the cost of the longer and more complex bulletin. Feedback to the committee about the condensed bulletin has been positive.

The committee recommended that the 9 am and 11 am Sunday services be combined into a single 10 am service. This change has been in place most of the year and members of the congregation seem to have accepted the idea which still remains provisional.

Coordinators of Ceremonies were designated to assist the clergy and facilitate the various services. The effect of the Coordinators, Terry Fortune and Mark Smith, has been salutary.

Agenda items which remain under consideration are an alternative policy and wording for Eucharistic hospitality, a seasonal planning process and a customary setting forth liturgical ceremonies. As always, members of the congregation with liturgical concerns are encouraged to contact members of the Worship Committee.

Respectfully submitted.

Reid Heffner,
Worship Committee Chair

St. Paul's Cathedral
Ballot - Annual Meeting & Elections
29-Jan-06

Warden (Vote for 1)

Hole, Barbara

Gondree, Howard

Member of the Vestry (Vote for 4)

Baeslack, Elva Jean

Scinta, Vanessa

Brown, Clinton

Yox, Susan

Heffner, Elle

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Junior Member of the Vestry (Vote for 2)

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ANNUAL MEETING

THE ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 29, 2006 IN THE WALKER ROOM AFTER THE 10 AM SERVICE. LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED. A DONATION OF \$5 PER LUNCH WOULD BE APPRECIATED TO HELP DEFRAY EXPENSES. VOTING WILL BE IN THE SCAIFE ROOM FROM 8:30 AM UNTIL 12. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTION AS TO WHETHER YOU ARE A VOTING MEMBER PLEASE CHECK THE LISTS POSTED IN THE WALKER ROOM AND IN THE BACK OF THE CATHEDRAL. YOU CAN ALSO CALL THE OFFICE AND ASK. IF YOU NEED AN ABSENTEE BALLOT, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BUT NO LATER THAN JANUARY 26, 2006. A SAMPLE BALLOT IS PUBLISHED ON PAGE 28 OF THIS PUBLICATION. THE CANDIDATES WILL BE AVAILABLE ON SUNDAY JANUARY 22, 2006 AT THE COFFEE HOUR TO OFFER A FEW WORDS ABOUT THEMSELVES. PLEASE JOIN US ON JANUARY 22 AND 29.

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