

ANNUAL DIOCESAN REPORT TO PROVINCE III
The Order of the Daughters of the King
Report Year: 2010 Date: 5/8/10

DIOCESE: Bethlehem
of Senior Chapters: 11
of Junior Chapters _____

PERSON REPORTING: Anne K. Szlivko
in formation (studying) : 0
in formation (studying) _____

CURRENT DIOCESAN OFFICERS (If officers do not apply, please indicate by N/A):

President: Anne Szlivko
1st Vice President: Brenda Syle
2nd Vice President _____
Secretary: Suzy Kaminski _____
Corresponding Secretary _____
Treasurer: Susan St. Amour _____
Chaplain: Ven. Howard Stringfellow
Junior Directress _____
Evangelism Chair _____
Daughters-At-Large Chair _____
Funds Chair _____
Other _____
Other _____

ACTIVITIES OF THE DIOCESE:

Board Meetings: Board Meeting have been held on a regular quarterly basis at different parishes. We have planned them to be geographically diverse as this diocese covers a large area.

Diocesan Assemblies (Brief description including dates, attendance and theme):

The Diocesan assembly was held the first weekend of October 2009. The theme was Ebenezer's. In addition a retreat was held at Twin Pines Retreat Center in Stroudsburg PA. The theme was "I am the Vine and you are the branches". It was held from 4/8/10 to 4/10/10 and was led by our Chaplain.

The retreat had been postponed from its original February date due to inclement weather. The location also had to be changed due to the changed date. This caused a reduced number of participants. However, we also permitted sisters to come for Saturday only and there were a number who chose this option. Our secretary, Suzie Kaminski lead an exercise on baking bread which everyone thought was wonderful. The feed back from this retreat was very good and the new retreat location was very successful. We have made plans to return to Twin Pines next year. It also noted that the date change necessitated a break with tradition as the retreat was not held in Lent. The sisters who attended opined that they preferred having the event after the busy-ness of Lent.

Diocesan Quiet Days (Brief description including dates, attendance and theme):

Other Activities or Services Performed by the Diocese (not individual chapters):

We are planning a social picnic for 7/10/10 at a state park.

SHARING:

Special Chapter/Individual Projects:

Diocesan Goals:

We are having an executive board meeting on 5/22/10 and one of our tasks is to develop our vision for the Diocese of Bethlehem. We believe that a large part of this vision is increased communication and the creation of a caring community of sisters which is reflective of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Questions and Comments:

This has been a difficult year for us. The previous president seemingly has been on another journey which has led her in another direction and also caused us some confusion and chaos. In April she did resign as the president. I then assumed the position as president and Brenda Syle agreed to be our vice president. The Lord has been very hard at work helping us through the transition. He called together 4 woman with different, but complimentary talents who all want to have our diocesan chapters form into a loving community.