

## Report from Diocese of Northwest Pa

The bad news is we are still the only chapter in our diocese. The good news is our parish is a bright light in a diocese where parishes are shrinking and some are unable to afford a rector. Grace chapter at St John's in Franklin, Pa. has a very active role in our parish life and whenever possible we have a presence on the Diocesan level.

We had an information table at Diocesan convention and women from 3 different churches expressed interest in learning more about Daughters. We also participated in the prayer support team for the convention. A young lady from our parish just graduated from seminary and is assigned to a church in the diocese. She is a recipient of a grant from the Master's Fund and her mother is one of our Daughters. We hope she will be an advocate for us and help start a chapter in her new parish.

The local Lutheran Church now worships in our building and joins us for Sunday School, coffee hour and outreach projects. Their congregation had shrunk to the point that they no longer could maintain their building and had to sell it. We are blessed to have them and last summer we welcomed 3 ladies from Grace Lutheran into our chapter.

Late last fall we introduced a new service/prayer project to our parish.

AHOY—anonously honoring our youth.

The parishioners were asked to be a secret pray-er for a young person associated with the two congregations. Names were assigned and we tried to match girls with women and boys with men. This prayer volunteer was instructed to pray daily for that person and send a card at designated times e.g. Christmas, Easter, birthday. They are to remain anonymous until the student graduates from high school /college. The project was met with enthusiasm and all youth names were assigned.

We ask your prayers for our continued efforts to introduce The Order to the women in The Diocese of Northwest Pennsylvania.

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