



DIOCESE OF FORT WORTH  
THE BISHOP'S OFFICE



April, 2008

Dear Friends in the Diocese,

I am writing to announce that, again this year, the Catholic Renewal Center will sponsor Partners in Ministry. Sisters Pat Miller and Kay Kolb will present this program for Catholic adults in Sacred Scripture and sacramental theology.

Partners in Ministry certainly has been a part of the life of our Diocese for many years now. Catholic adults who are interested in strengthening their understanding of basic Catholic spirituality and belief, are certainly welcome to register and attend.

During the course of a year, Sisters Pat, Kay and I and our diocesan staff work to be in regular communication and dialogue regarding their ministry and teaching. Therefore, I am grateful to Sisters Kay and Pat and the members of their team for making this program available, and for their ministry, call and teaching.

Sincerely in the Risen Lord,

*Kevin W. Vann*

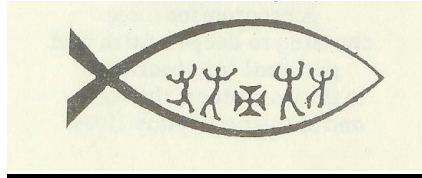
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Bishop of Fort Worth

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## **PARTNERS IN MINISTRY**

**2008-2009**



### **Mission Statement**

A program for the laity designed to create and encourage a faith community joined together for Christian service in the home, in the workplace and in the church.

Interactive, participatory, adult-centered learning is the core of the program.

Sponsored by Ministries Outreach from the Catholic Renewal Center.

[www.ministriesoutreach.org](http://www.ministriesoutreach.org)

### **Invitations**

**St Paul's Parish in Fort Worth** would like to invite the PARTNERS IN MINISTRY PROGRAM to meet in our parish during 2008-2009. As indicated the program offers biblical and spiritual opportunities for growth and sharing. We would love to extend our hospitality and share our facilities with others from the Diocese.

**Father Tom Wigginton**

Pastor, St. Paul's

The work of Sisters Kay Klob and Pat Miller is legendary in our diocese. They have been one of the most consistent sources of formation for the laity for 30 years, It is always a pleasure to work with them, and to encourage all to attend their Partners in Ministry Program. We are blessed to host Partners in Ministry, in its weekly form here at **St. Michael's** this year.

**Father Phil Johnson**

Pastor, St Michael's

**...and from 2007-2008 “grads”**

**What I found helpful:**

...being reminded of the need for us, the laity, to take an active role in the life of our church.

...the Vatican II discussions. These helped me to understand what its purpose and results were.

,,it brought me out of a rut. Now I am beginning my faith journey and it is very exciting. Sometimes I feel I can't get enough.

**What is Partners in Ministry?**

A program for those choosing to deepen their faith and personal spirituality..in the workplace and in their everyday lives.

The program includes study of:

Scripture, Vatican II documents, , history of the Sacraments and in particular the role of the **Lay Ministry** in the Church, past and present.

**Can you schedule us in?**

Partners in Ministry will be held one Saturday each month at St. Paul's in Fort Worth

**AND**

will also be held

on consecutive Thursday nights at St Michael's in Bedford

**Is there a Fee?**

Tuition is \$10.00 per unit. Materials vary... \$3.00 to \$18.00 per unit

**Who facilitates Partners in Ministry?**

Sisters Kay Kolb & Pat Miller, ssnd together with Ray & Christy Szempruch

**What materials will we need?**

THE BIBLE:

(preferably)

THE CATHOLIC STUDY BIBLE

NEW AMERICAN BIBLE  
or JERUSALEM BIBLE  
THE DOCUMENTS OF VATICAN II

(preferably)

A Completely Revised Translation in Inclusive Language  
Gen.ed Austin Flannery, OP

A BIBLE COMPANION

Ronald Witherup

A NEW LOOK AT THE SACRAMENTS

William Bausch

WORDS MADE FLESH

Fran Ferder

CHRISTIANITY REDISCOVERED

Vincent Donovan

**WHEN DO SESSIONS BEGIN**

St. Paul's in Fort Worth  
Saturday August 23<sup>rd</sup> 8:45am – 3:30pm

St Michael's in Bedford  
Thursday September 11<sup>th</sup> 7:00 - 9:00pm

**THE SCHEDULE**

**St Paul's 2008**

August 23  
October 25

September 27  
December 6

2009

January 17  
March 21  
August 22  
October 24

February 21  
April 17,18  
September 19  
December 5

(overnight retreat)

**St Michael's 2008**

September 11 through November 20

**2009**

January 8 through April 2  
April 17, 18 (overnight retreat)

**REGISTRATION FORM**

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ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

*e-mail?* \_\_\_\_\_

*My Parish* \_\_\_\_\_

*I will attend* \_\_\_\_\_ *St. Paul's Saturday Sessions*  
\_\_\_\_\_ *St. Michael's Evening Sessions*

*Please respond by August 8 and  
enclose \$10.00 registration fee for Unit One*

*Further details will be sent to registrants prior to first session  
Books are available for purchase at each session*

**Send to Partners in Ministry  
2115 Crestwood Place  
Denton Texas 799209**

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**PARTNERS II - JOIN THE CROWD!**

Partners II is a program developed for all those who have been through the Lay Ministries Program and/or Partners in Ministry. It aims to help fulfill the desire expressed by so many: When can we meet to continue our conversations? Our questions? Our explorations? Last year we had between 50 and 80 participants at each session. This year, who knows?

Having done a simple survey following Partners II 2007-08, the decision was made to:

- \* hold the sessions at Most Blessed Sacrament in N. Arlington again;
- \* keep the sessions on Saturdays, 9 am - 2 pm, brownbag lunch;
- \* have a book which would provide a link between the sessions. This year's book will be: CATHOLICISM AT THE CROSSROADS - How the Laity Can Save the Church by Paul Lakeland. We'll have some books on hand for \$15 (\$19.95 retail).

This book deals with topics such as Catholics and American culture. . .Catholics and America's role in relationship to globalization, the economy, technology . . .an Open Church in an Open Society. . .etc. We think it is a well-written, thought-provoking book and lends itself to great discussions together with people like you; Lakeland says people who have a "boundless love and concern for our church."

Tentative dates are:

September 13 and November 15 in 2008, and January 24 and March 7 in 2009.

Please register, either on line with Ed Houters ([ebhouters@aol.com](mailto:ebhouters@aol.com)) or by plain old mail. It's been stimulating and encouraging so far! We hope to have another good year together!

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REGISTRATION FOR PARTNERS II (please include \$10 which covers first session)

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e-mail??

Send to: Partners II, 2115 Crestwood Pl., Denton, TX 76209.