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The Fellowship of St. John the Divine

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I bring you greetings from the entire North American Council Fellowship of St. John the Divine. It is a blessing to be with you today. The following report provides highlights of the NAC Fellowship's current activities and future plans.

The NAC develops and oversees a number of projects that can be applied at the parish, diocese and archdiocese level. For the past few years we have focused our efforts on Mission/Outreach/Evangelism, Unity, and Spiritual renewal. The NAC Fellowship is comprised of the NAC officers, spiritual advisor, coordinators and three delegates from each Diocese. The dedication and faithfulness of this group is astounding. I am humbled lead this wonderful group of people. Highlights of our activities include:



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- **The Fellowship of St. John the Divine Challenge**

An invitation will be sent to all parishes to be part of the Fellowship Challenge. This challenge is an organized weekly list of outreach programs that each parish may do at the local level. We are watching the challenge for a 5 week period, beginning in September which has been designated by this Archdiocese as Fellowship month. During this challenge we will provide each parish with suggested outreach programs that follow specific scripture. Each parish will be tracked according to their participation and recognition will be given to parishes who meet our expectations. It is a great way to have "Fellowship" in your parish even if you do not have a strong Fellowship of St. John the Divine organization.

- **20/40 Fellowship**

This continues to be a main focus area for NAC Fellowship. We recognize that this crucial age is where many of our faithful leave the church. We are reaching out to these members and providing opportunities for them to get together both in social and spiritual settings. Every Parish Life Conference will be providing an event for our 20/40 group. We are also planning various 20/40 Fellowship National projects that will help keep the connection with both the local and national level. We will also be concentrating on our college age students.

- **Missions, Outreach and Evangelism**

This committee will continue to provide opportunities for outreach on the parish level, Diocesan level, and National level. Watch this group for wonderful mission opportunities that will become available this year.

- **St. John the Divine Prayer Garden:**

This reflection garden continues to flourish and bloom. Located at the Antiochian Village, the original garden is an area with benches surrounded by flowers, bushes and trees. Each item planted is donated to honor loved ones throughout the Archdiocese. The focus of this garden is a beautiful dogwood tree donated in memory of Father John Namie, and we have recently added an icon of our Patron Saint which was donated for the good health of Pearl Nahass. This area will be perpetually maintained and added to by our membership and provides an area to pray, and reflect by all those who visit the Village. We encourage all of you to consider offering a plant to add to this amazing garden

- **Continuing Projects:**

Food For Hungry People, Saint Philip's Prayer Discipline, "Saints Alive" Lenten Book Series, *Ncense sponsorship, Oratorical and Bible Bowl Festivals, and the Antiochian Events data base project, are a small sampling of our ongoing endeavors.

I am so grateful to God for allowing me to work with this wonderful group of people. Please continue to pray for the Fellowship as we strive to serve the Lord and His Holy Church.

In Christ,

Jane Tadros

President, NAC Fellowship of St. John the Divine