

**Program I: Tom & Julie Allen
“Living the Resurrection with Alzheimer’s”**

By Chris Sorensen

On September 22 APM members gathered at Annunciation Church for our first program this year, “Living the Resurrection



With Alzheimer’s” with Tom and Julie Allen.

It was an intimate and grace filled afternoon. Tom, a spiritual director at Loyola, and Julie, a woman who was a vibrant professional, diagnosed with early onset Alzheimer’s Disease. Julie continues to be a vibrant personality and she and Tom sat in conversation as we listened to them discuss living with

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**Program II: Sister Katarina Schuth
“Living the Resurrection: Approaches to Ministry that Encourage New Life”**

By Sister Fran Donnelly, BVM

Sister Katarina Schuth, OSF, addressed the topic “Living the Resurrection: Approaches to Ministry that Encourage New Life” at the APM program on November 17, 2011.

Sister Katarina is a world renowned scholar, speaker and author who has been on the faculty of the St.



Paul Seminary for twenty years. Her academic credentials are unparalleled; importantly, she also has the gift of applying principles to the

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Approval for Revised Standards and National Certification Process

By Chris Anderson, Executive Director, NALM

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The National Association for Lay Ministry (NALM) and its partners in the Alliance for the Certification of Lay Ecclesial Ministers (the Alliance), have received word that the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Commission on Certification and Accreditation (USCCB/CCA) has approved our revised standards and certification process. However, as of October 21, the Alliance has not received written notice of the approval, so no announcement has been made. The approval represents a great deal of work and is an important milestone, but this also means the “real work” now begins.

The Alliance has decided to use a web site as the primary tool for making the national certification accessible to lay ministers across the country. This web site, or web portal, will be designed to be user friendly while making the management of the process for NALM and our partners easier on our limited staffs. It will be a one-stop-shopping site for all information for lay ecclesial ministers seeking certification. It will also provide needed information for all the secondary audiences, pastors, bishops, diocesan agencies, and others involved in certification. As part of our commitment to making the standards available to the whole community, the new website will contain the revised standards for public access. The website launched in December. Meanwhile, NALM will post the revised standards and the overview of the certification process in the membership section of www.nalm.org once a written notice of the approval is received.

While certification will be centralized through the website, each Alliance partner will manage the process for distinct ministries. Partner ministerial responsibilities are:

- NALM: Pastoral Associates and Parish Life Coordinators
- FDLC: Directors of Liturgy
- NCCL: Catechetical Leaders
- NFCYM: Youth Ministry Directors
- NPM: Directors of Musical Ministry

NALM Executive Director Christopher Anderson

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From the Chair

Dear friends,

As I write this letter we have just celebrated the birth of Jesus, God among us in human form. As you read this, may the richness of the Christmas Season continue to warm your heart and, hopefully the promise of a “New Year” fill you with expectations of having the best year ever. At the same time, I know many of us are already thinking of programs needed to be in place for the start of Lent. Life just keeps coming at us – and, at my age, I guess that is a good thing.



Pondering our theme of “Living the Resurrection” I thought of all the times in pastoral care that we depend on the Holy Spirit for guidance and support. Before we can live in “resurrection” we must be ready for dying on our own cross with Jesus... and before we can do that we will need to make sure it is Christ we are serving and Christ we are bringing to others... and before we can be ready for that, we must give birth to Christ in our own hearts.

With that in mind, this Advent/Christmas Season I was more mindful than ever of Mary and her involvement in our salvation history. When Mary said “Yes” to God through Gabriel, she had little idea of what will come of her being open to God’s Spirit “Overshadowing” her. I believe each of us has that same opportunity to say “Yes” to God’s Spirit in our lives and in our ministry – each and every day. Our living the Resurrection is a daily decision depended on how well we are connected to our God and God’s will. What I am saying is that we also are ‘overshadowed’ and have the ‘seed’ of God planted in our hearts and it is our call, by our very baptism and especially by our call to ministry to give birth to “Emmanuel” – to give life to Christ among us.

How well we are prepared to do that can often be the determining factor in how well we do our ministry. As a way of preparing ourselves, I like to think of Mary and her response to God’s Spirit moving within her.

- Mary listened – she was open to God’s messenger. We too, should be ready to listen for that still small voice we all hear now and then.
- Mary talked with God about it – ‘how can this be?’ Hopefully in our prayer life we, too, seek God’s will and at times even clarification.

- Mary trusted in God’s promise – for some of us (me) this can be the scary part.
- Mary said “Yes. I am a handmaid of the Lord, let it be done unto me according to thy will.”

As we embrace the gift of the “Incarnation” let us strive to live reflecting Mary’s “Yes” in our ministry. May our New Year be filled with opportunities to share our love of God.

In Christ,
Deacon Al Schroeder, APM Chair

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real world of pastoral ministry. Our theme, “Living the Resurrection” was the focus as she addressed three dimensions of pastoral ministry in our time.

Approaching it with the viewpoint of a social scientist of religion, Sister Katarina provided background on the context of ministry with emphasis on changes in ministry, membership, and ministers. That context served the participants well as the second part focused on collaborative practices from St. Paul to the present. The overview of collaborative ministry in the early Church was not only informative but also heartening.

Without naïveté, Sister Katarina addressed real world challenges and obstacles that currently impact attempts at collaboration in our church.

The program wrapped up with advice on how to enhance our own ministry through a prayerful reflection of the Psalms.

All in all, with both Sister Katarina’s incredible knowledge of the Church of today and her deep faith and commitment to true collaborative ministry, those who attended had much to take away and to ponder as we all strive to appreciate living the Resurrection.

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this disease. It was a story full of courage, humor, strength and love. They shared with depth and honesty about the struggles and reality of life with Alzheimer’s. To see Julie and Tom interact together and to listen to them was to witness what marital love in all of its fullness is about.

Welcome New Members!



I am **Mary Higgins** and I began working in pastoral ministry at St. Wenceslaus in New Prague almost two years ago, after working in our parish school and faith formation programs for 16 years. I share a position with our deacon who has been out for several months on medical leave, so I have been involved with a wide variety of ministries in pastoral care, women's programs, social action, word and communion services and the many miscellaneous tasks staff members are often asked to take on. It's important for me to be a part of the APM because I am new to pastoral ministry and learning on the job. My husband and I have been actively involved in parish life for all 37 years of our marriage, and we have 4 daughters, all married, and 3 1/2 grandchildren, who are the joy of our lives.



I am **Kathleen Groh** and although I may be new to APM, I am hardly new to active ministry in the Archdiocese! I have retired from ACRE (Association of Coordinators and Religious Educators) and the administration of faith formation programs in the Archdiocese for over 22 years.

I'm "jumping ship" and coming to be with you as I am now the Regional Director of the Jesuit-affiliated Ignatian Volunteer Corps. The Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) is a Jesuit-affiliated national organization of volunteers and *for* volunteers. It is my responsibility to recruit mature men and women with amazing life and work skills and provide an opportunity for them to serve the materially poor in service sites around the Twin Cities. They commit to 600 volunteer hours per year as a knowledgeable, committed and dependable volunteer. Some of these agencies are Catholic Charities, CommonBond Communities, East Side Neighborhood Services, Little Brothers/Friends of the Elderly, AMICUS and Union Gospel Mission.

To deepen their experience, the Ignatian Volunteer is supported through a reflection process based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola. They are assigned a Spiritual Reflector, journal, meet monthly in community and attend retreats and days of reflection together. Through their formation they are led to discover the deeper meaning of the work they do and to see Christ more clearly as they labor among the poor.

If you are interested in learning more about the mission and service of the IVC, you may contact Kathleen Groh at 651-777-0991 or email kgroh@ivcusa.org. Our national website is www.ivcusa.org.



I am **Jim Rice**, and along with my wife Marie, am a 30 year member of Mary, Mother of the Church.

I am a graduate of the Archbishop Harry J. Flynn Catechetical Institute - class of St Paul - and student of St Thomas in the MAPM program.

As a parishioner at Mary, Mother of the Church - I am an RCIA

Catechist, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, and Lay Pastoral Care Minister. As a pastoral care minister, I serve at the Ridges hospital and the Emerald Crest retirement community.

I am the current chair of the Archdiocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting - supporting the faith development of youth and young adults through the scouting program. Finally, I am the Region 8 coordinator for TEC - a national paschal mystery retreat experience.

Professionally, I am an executive at Sirius Computer Solutions located in Bloomington, MN.



My name is **Susan K. Adam** and I am currently serving Franciscan Health Community in Pastoral Care and Hospice. In this ministry I serve the hospice patients, at Our Lady of Peace Home (formerly Our Lady of Good Counsel Cancer Home) and those living in the Apartments at Riverview Highlands and Highland on Graham. In addition I chair mission effectiveness and the Ethics Committee as well as being present to the staff.

My primary ministry is to meet the spiritual needs of those whom I serve. In working with the hospice patients I am assisting them in their final days through prayer with and for them, conversation, silent presence, scheduling their anointing and meeting the spiritual and emotional needs of the family members. There are a range of needs that surface during this time and among them is the planning of the loved ones' memorial service. This becomes a real healing and memorable experience for the family.

I was born and raised in St Paul, MN. I am not a stranger to Franciscan values and Charism. The Franciscan goals of Compassion, Community, Reverence and Peacemaking are very alive in my heart. I was a member of the Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls, MN.

I graduated from St. Benedicts College in St. Joseph, MN with a degree in Education and Spirituality/Theology. I taught for a few years and then found myself drawn to Parish Ministry with a focus on Youth ministry, Spirituality and Retreat ministry. Over the years I have

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2011-2012 Board Meeting Dates:
February 15, April 18 and June 20

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served on Diocesan and National levels in Parish ministry, youth and family spirituality. Eventually I moved into Campus Ministry, Liturgy and Retreat ministry. I continued with Education opportunities in Chicago, at Notre Dame, Gonzaga University and Mankato State University with concentration in Spirituality, Counseling Psych. and family systems. I volunteered in Hospice over the years and participated in educational opportunities on Death and dying, and grief counseling. Life experiences brought me to into the presence of those who were dying and I found the time to be a privilege and sacred. I am honored to be serving in Pastoral Ministry and truly enjoy sharing with the people we serve and the staff as well. I am grateful for the opportunity to be here at Franciscan Health Community. Prayer is a vital element in my life style.

I find time for swimming, art and music. Graphic art and design fill a great deal of my spare time as well as Paper Making to Acid Etching. I lived for a number of years in Alaska working in Anchorage and out in the villages, where I encountered many moose and bear providing me with great stories. It was there that I directed a summer camp and throughout the year I would find myself three weekends a month in villages providing Sunday services. Learning to drive in the mountains in the deep snow was an adventure as well as rock climbing and white water rafting.

<p>Winter Retreat January 27 St. Joan of Arc Bloomington</p>	<p>Joanne Dehmer, SSND “Compassion: Living the Resurrection</p>
<p>Program III March 8, 2011 1:00-3:30pm St. Edward’s Bloomington</p>	<p>Bernie Evans</p>
<p>Spring Banquet May 22 6-9pm Binz Refectory St. Paul</p>	<p>Speaker TBD</p>

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will oversee the process for applicants, and Carol Walters of the Archdiocese of Chicago will be chair of NALM’s review committee that will review the assessments. Detailed information will be made available once official notice is received.

In the coming months more information will be forthcoming about certification. The Alliance plans to accept, review and approve the first applications this spring, so newly certified Pastoral Associates and Parish Life Coordinators can be recognized at NALM’s Annual Meeting, May 31-June 2 in the Greater Washington, DC area.

Prayers

For all those who seek adequate employment

For the health and safety of our youth, especially those participating in sport activities



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