

A Final Message From Fr. Jack

Dear Benefactors and Friends:

As of June 17th, I reached the young age of 88 and so on June 26th, I tendered my resignation as Spiritual Director of the House of Prayer to Bishop LaValley, effective August 15th, Feast of Mary's Assumption.

Since 2012, I have thoroughly enjoyed my role as Spiritual Director, presenting programs of Ignatian Spirituality and Marian Devotions; of offering Mass before monthly meetings of the Board of Directors; of writing articles for this Letter; coordinating audio-visual programs; taking part in the Founder's Day Celebration with Bishop Terry LaValley, who so graciously offered Mass and was homilist these last few years. I was always impressed with the contribution of the Benefactors of the House, and especially the outstanding generosity of priests and laity to the Fund Raising campaign of 2014.

Still to be completed this summer will be my directing an 8-day Retreat for three Religious Sisters from Los Angeles, who saw the House's full-page ad in the 2017 "Guide to Religious Ministries." On August 12th at 10:00am I will make a final presentation: "Mary, Mother of Jesus - New Insights." At 11:00am the Bishop will be main celebrant/homilist at Mass.

Over the years I have been privileged to work with former Directors Pat Hanley and Ken Lucia; very dedicated Board Presidents, Rita Breen, Cory Haynes and Tony Roberts; devoted and selfless Board members Carol Alexander, Sarah Anderson, M/M alan Barcomb, Sandra Barnes, Charles Bouchard, Richard Breen, Elaine Brusco, Ruth Cassin, Lynn Chapman, Walter & Bridgette Coolidge, Dorothy Hobbs, Cheryl LaGree, Ken Lucia, Cory Haynes, Ester McKnight, Bernard Ratneiyya, Don & Judy Rasmussen, Jeanette San Souci, and Gail Tourville. Jeanette San Souci has been a volunteer Interim Director since Ken Lucia resigned. She has volunteered Tuesday-Saturday, 10:00am - 4:00pm in a very quiet and unassuming manner. She receives guests, takes telephone calls, keeps up the maintenance of the House, procures ads and publishes the Newsletter. She also served previously after Sister Jean Beyette left until Pat Hanley came on as Director.

I am grateful for the wonderful publicity provided by the "North Country Catholic", not only in scheduling programs but in special feature articles. Also to Bob Trombley for his designing and keeping up to date the Website for the House of Prayer. I am thankful to the musicians who provided music for the Founders Day Masses and to the Prayer Teams for helping out at the Healing Masses. And I Thank all the participants of the Spirituality Programs and Devotions and all who supported the Lost Sheep Quilt Shop.

And I appeal to all of you to invoke Our Lady of the Adirondack's prayerful intercession for the continuance of the House of Prayer. I thank Almighty God for His Abundant blessings and graces and I promise to keep you all in my prayers and ask that you continue to pray for me.