

**May 22, 2002**

*This is the memory of the third gathering.*

Dear May Day Faithful,

Another moving and productive gathering on May 22. Some new faces along with our old faces (well maybe not so old) participated. It's good to see that our gathering is growing and new people want to be involved.

(Important dates to put on your calendars: June 22 from 9-1:00 (development and organization meeting, place to be announced). June 12th 7:00-9:00 (Flahive home, regular May Day meeting, discussion of the response from the AB).

We began with our ritual of prayer: lighting the candle of the Spirit -- flame for the Spirit as it exists in the Church and always has -- the flame for the Spirit of those who have gathered before us in small groups -- the flame for the Spirit that burns within our hearts, minds, souls, and that we may be open to the hearing of that Spirit.

**Reading:** St. Paul, Corinthians: "We all have gifts"

**Voicing:** Each person who wished to voice their thoughts, feelings, concerns, joys, possibilities put their stone in our woven basket and spoke.

Meditation and blessings were offered to hold those in pain and those who are moved to action.

**Next part of the evening is our action agenda:**

- Letter to the AB -- there are 63 who have signed, about 10 who have said they support the letter but for personal reasons cannot sign. There are about 100 people on our mailing list. Our numbers keep growing. The letter will be mailed out tomorrow.
- Press: We are being asked by members of the press for information about our community. We felt that at this time we were not ready to talk with the press. Because we want to engage respectfully and honestly with the AB, we agreed that it would be inappropriate to release the letter to the AB to the press. We are asking all those who are part of this gathering to respect the agreement of the group. The letter to the AB will not be given to the press.
- Our statement to the press is that we are a group of concerned Catholics who are gathering in prayer to share our feelings, thoughts and ideas about our Church," We also said that we will not volunteer to the press that we wrote a letter to the AB. However, if asked, we just say, yes, we have written letters individually and one as a group. There is no need to go into what was written -- it was a private letter from us to the AB.

- *Leaven* will have a reference about our gathering in the next newsletter. Spread the word, if others want to know about us, they will be given our phone number and e-mail. Leaven has a web site where you can gather information about the Church and what other people are doing. [[www.leavendenver.org](http://www.leavendenver.org)]
- Planning and development of our community: We agreed that we wished to work on a process to create the future for this community. When new people find out about us there is positive feedback, support, and wanting to know more and be involved.

We decided that we will put together a development and planning meeting on June 22nd from 9 AM until 1:00 -- to begin a process to identify our vision for us and the Church, to clarify the purpose of this community, to begin to create an organized structure where needed, and to begin to identify other action we may wish to take. There is a dual purpose for this meeting: a process to create our own organization and clarity of a broader vision of "We as Church."

The planning committee members are: Denny Swann ( the convener), Vince Talericio, Don Felkerman, Diana Flahive, Marty Flahive, Jossy Eyre, Mary Jo Myers, Mary Casper, Bob Hart, Sharon Joseph.

This committee will find where, what, facilitator, program, etc. We agreed to have the larger meeting on the 22nd in a neutral place ( not a Catholic parish). Some suggestions were: Iliff, 10:30 Community space, Jossy's home, Regis University.

- Leon Krier distributed his written piece, "Declaration of Faith", for us to take, read, and be with. He would like comments. If you would like a copy, contact Leon.
- Diana will put together a directory of those who have participated and have been interested in our gatherings. If you have not sent your address, phone and fax, please do so.

**Closing:** "Send us your Spirit, renew the face of the earth"

I think I got everything. If you have something that I forgot or got wrong, please tell me. Thanks.

One more thing: if anyone out there has ideas, things you would like to share about these gatherings and the process, send me an e-mail.

Peace to you all,  
Diana