



BUILDING COMMUNITY AT BLESSED TRINITY CHURCH



April 2018 will be the 30th Christ Renews His Parish Retreats to be held on Blessed Trinity grounds. More popularly known as CRHP, this biannual parish retreat began approximately early in the year 2002/2003 because of a letter to Fr. Pat. The letter originated from Bernie and Sue Yandura of Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Indialantic, Florida. At that time, Ro Lipari was Director of Religious

Education at Blessed Trinity and so this would have come under her parish responsibilities. Fr. Pat asked Ro to research this ministry and to report back to him. After completing her inquiries, Ro gave Fr. Pat a very favorable response and so Fr. Pat gave his blessing for Christ Renews His Parish ministry to begin in Blessed Trinity.



Fr. Pat assigned Ro to be the Spiritual Facilitator for the women's retreat and me, Mario Lipari, to assume the same responsibility for the men's retreat. The

first retreat was a training retreat in which a team from Holy Name of Jesus came to Blessed Trinity and instructed a group of parishioners as to how to organize and run the first CRHP Retreat at Blessed Trinity. Upon completion of the training retreat, the first CRHP team began formation and approximately 6 months later, Blessed Trinity had its first CRHP Retreat with the team being Blessed Trinity parishioners.

The retreat is held on parish grounds, there are 2 Masses, the opportunity for Reconciliation, a series of talks, fun activities and excellent meals. Even





though Blessed Trinity is a large parish, being on a Christ Renews His Parish retreat brings you into contact with a smaller group whom you get to know very well and even though Blessed Trinity remains the same physical size, you now know a group of parishioners very well and so you become part of a group of Brothers and Sisters in Christ. As you attend Mass, you worship with your fellow CRHP participants.

There are 2 Men's retreats and 2 Women's retreats every year. Blessed Trinity has been blessed with one of our former Spiritual Facilitators who has been ordained a permanent deacon and two men from CRHP are in seminary formation for ordination to the priesthood. Several of our non-Catholic parishioners have, upon completion of CRHP, gone through the RCIA and joined the Catholic Church.

Except for the times of my loss of Ro and Christina, I have been on almost every CRHP retreat and I can promise it is a wonderful, spiritually uplifting experience. Please pray over it and have your heart and mind open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. You will find it an invigorating way to grow in your faith! God bless you all.

