

Cesaretti will be guest speaker at annual meeting

Diocesan ECW to name Diana Marshall outstanding woman of the diocese

Canon Charles A. Cesaretti will address the Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Bethlehem at their *Annual Meeting and Celebration of Women* on Wednesday, May 10, at Kirby House in Glen Summit.

After 9:00 a.m. registration, the ECW will conduct their annual business meeting and recognize Mrs. Diana Marshall as this year's *Outstanding Woman of the Diocese*.

Lunch will follow the celebration of Holy Eucharist at which Bishop Paul will preside and preach. Canon Cesaretti will address the group after lunch.

A registration fee of \$12.00 per person will cover lunch and meeting expenses, including the use of Kirby House.

Everyone will have an opportunity to "shop" for special gifts from the ECW, as well as unique handmade items from the Mothers' Union of Kajo-Keji.

Kirby House is located in Glen Summit, near Mountaintop, in the mountains east of the Scranton-Wilkes-Barre area. Those wishing to attend may obtain driving directions from Deacon George Loeffler, deaconi@ptd.net, or Jane Nurse, 570-965-2085, nursejo@stny.rr.com.

All are invited to this event. To register, makes checks (\$12 per person) pay-
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The Rev. Canon Charles A. Cesaretti

By Barbara Caum

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being? I will, with God's help.

The Baptismal Covenant, BCP 305

Diana Marshall is a woman who lives this promise in all parts of her life. It is evident not only in her professional standing as both a registered nurse and an attorney, but in where she invests her time and energy, skills and gifts. It is very telling that the longest list of entries on her resume are under the section titled "Public Service."

Now serving as chair of the Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley, Diana is on the Public Advocacy Action Team of the Pennsylvania Council of Churches, is a member of the board of directors of the Parish Nurse Coalition of Greater Lehigh Valley and its newsletter editor, is the diocesan liaison to National Episcopal Health Ministries, and serves as a member of myriad committees dedicated to wellness, caring and justice.

Diana claims to be a product of her past. She notes that life is too short to waste on activities that don't have meaning and purpose ... things that don't fit into her value system.

She wasn't always so certain of her path, of course. In high school she was not sure what she might end up doing with her life. But attending a meeting for nursing school aspirants conveniently helped her to avoid a rather boring government class. For a girl from a family which had no college money saved, it was a good path. Along the way she found that she loved nursing.

Also, along the way, she met a young man serving in the Lutheran College system as an orderly. They met in a mental ward in Fort Wayne, Indiana. No, actually, they were both working there. But, it does make for a wonderful story. They were married in 1969.

How does being a bishop's wife, which could be a full-time job in itself, change her own ministry? Diana says it has given her opportunities that she would never have imagined.

Her trip to the Sudan with Bishop Paul



Mrs. Diana Marshall

and the work she has done with the women of Kajo-Keji are the very best examples. It reinforced her belief that we need more justice.

She is grateful for the opportunities she's had to travel and broaden her knowledge of the world, its people and places.

What will Diana be doing in ten years? She doesn't see the next decade as critical. Certainly she'll continue to work for justice and to lend her gifts to that cause. But her future seems to be heading into a ministry in hospice. She is currently renewing her clinical hours in nursing so that she can pursue that hope.

In the meantime, she continues to mentor Bethlehem congregations in their growth in parish nursing and health education, does presentations on advance directives and writes regularly to state officials about health and justice issues.

This quiet, dedicated and brilliant woman is a blessing to us all.

Diana S. Marshall, Outstanding Woman of the Diocese of Bethlehem

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able to Diocesan ECW and send, with name of each person attending to Catherine Jeffery, 1839 Ulster Road, Allentown, PA 18109. Questions: call Catherine at 610-868-6682.

Ordained a priest in 1965, Canon Cesaretti currently serves as interim rector of St. Paul's Church, Montrose.

In 1976, after serving parishes in New Jersey, he was invited to the national staff of the Episcopal Church, serving in positions of domestic and international policy and diplomacy. His appointment as assistant to the Presiding Bishop and as envoy to oversee the international church and governmental relations of the Episcopal Church took him to assignments in Central America, East and South Africa, the Middle East, and Northern

Ireland. He was seconded to the staff of the Archbishop of Canterbury to assist with release of religious hostages in Lebanon and the Middle East.

In 1990, Cesaretti became assistant to the rector of Trinity Church, Wall Street, where he was engaged in the research and development of parish outreach and mission.

In 1996, he became executive vice-president of the Jackie Robinson Foundation. He was administrator of the foundation, which provides educational scholarships and mentors minority students at colleges and universities in the United States.

In 1999, he was named executive director of the Center for Sexuality and Religion, an interfaith agency dedicated to

dialogue and cooperation between communities of faith and scientific sexological communities. He retired in 2001 and moved to New Milford, where he had a cottage.

The Diocese of New Jersey gave him the honorary title of "canon" for service to the local, national, and global church. He is chair of the board of the Kirkridge Study and Retreat Center in Stroudsburg, editor of four books, and author of numerous articles and reviews. He is currently working with John Jay College of Criminal Justice, New York City, on an assessment project of clergy boundary violations and is editing a book on the subject.

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