

## REGISTRATION

Registration for the Assembly is quick and easy.

- Go to [www.diobeth.org](http://www.diobeth.org)
- Note the link “Register for Diocesan events” in blue at the right side of the site.
- Click on this link, which will take you to 1-2-3 Signup.
- Locate the date (November 12, 2011) and the Renewal Assembly: Claiming Your Voice. Click on “register” at the right; and,
- Please read all the instructions carefully, especially if you are registering others. If you need assistance, please call Rosie Hummel at Diocesan House: 610-691-5655 x221.

There will be will be a “free will” offering to help defray the cost of the luncheon.

## PRAYER FOR THE ASSEMBLY

Holy God, your Son called us to wrap the whole world in your saving embrace. By your Holy Spirit, give us compassion, purpose and energy to invite into your Church those who do not yet know the transforming power of your love. We ask this through Him who has brought us from darkness to light, your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

*“...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.”*

*Galatians 5:22-25*

# Renewal Assembly III



**Saturday,  
November 12, 2011  
9:00 AM ~ 1:30 PM**

## FROM RISKS TO OPPORTUNITIES (R2O): THE RENEWAL PROCESS

The R2O report put forward a process for congregational renewal. It suggested that the committee be renamed the Congregational Renewal Committee with the following mission:

- Strengthen and encourage all parishes, especially those that have exhibited vitality;
- Inspire and provide tangible resources to those congregations; and,
- Provide self-realization and eventuality to those congregations that have lost all sense of purpose or vitality.

In the process for congregational renewal, the committee enumerated its guiding assumptions:

1. The bedrock of Christian action is a spiritual life, which must start, direct, and sustain all congregational life.
2. Congregations must focus on their strengths rather than on their weaknesses.
3. Congregations can greatly strengthen their witness when they link up with neighboring congregations in cooperative ventures.
4. Congregations do better when they do not become dependent upon outside sources.
5. Many clergy are ill prepared to lead a small rural or village church.
6. Every congregation in the Diocese must be included in the renewal and transformational process at the appropriate level.



### HOST CONGREGATIONS

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TOWANDA: CHRIST CHURCH  
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NEW MILFORD: ST. MARK'S  
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SCRANTON: ST. LUKE'S  
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WILKES-BARRE: HOLY CROSS  
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PALMERTON: ST. JOHN'S  
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EASTON: TRINITY  
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ALLENTOWN: ST. ANDREW'S  
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SINKING SPRING: ST. ALBAN'S  
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