

***Hello, my name is Nancy Kremer.***

As a member of Immaculate Conception for 35 years, I have participated on several committees, organizations and celebrations. I have shared many wonderful memories with our parish family and look to our future with great anticipation!

Currently, I am a member of our Parish Pastoral Council. Fr. Robert has asked each of us to read *Divine Renovation* written by Fr. James Mallon, a pastor in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. The subtitle: "Bringing your parish from maintenance to mission" is the premise of the book.

Fr. Mallon writes this book to inspire parish renewal and a *new evangelization*, effectively to bring renewed life back to parish communities like I.C.

Through his many stories, the reader is challenged to view the parish being built upon spirit-filled discipleship rather than mortar and stone. The reader is further challenged to view the parishioner as actively in discipleship with Jesus, with a mission to proclaim and share the good news!

Sent out like the early disciples, each of us, is called, summoned, by the good news to be the parish disciples, to embrace and be that embodiment of each other within our Parish Family. *Each parishioner* is commissioned with a job description to build community, proclaim the Gospel message and be Christ for one another!

What an exciting missionary journey, to be 21<sup>st</sup> century disciples, to offer witness to the Church alive in the spirit, to be Eucharist to one another and make our community "I.C., the place to be"!!

To quote a popular hymn, *The Summons*, "Will you come and follow me?"

I ask you to support your parish organizations and join us to renew, recharge and revitalize I.C.

I also ask for your prayers, that the Holy Spirit will fill us with grace as we embark on our most transformative journey.

