

## ARCHDEACON AND DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION

The key accomplishment of this past year was the renovation of the third floor of Trinity Cathedral and the move of the diocesan offices from Monroeville back to the Cathedral. I am especially grateful to my co-project managers Ell Vines and Jean Adams, to our team from Jendoco and to the Cathedral staff including Steve Fekete, James Moore, Father Tim Hushion and Dean Scott Quinn. I also appreciated the flexibility of the diocesan office staff during this time of transition.

Andy Muhl and I established a publication schedule and submission guidelines for *Grace Happens*, which has helped make the production of our electronic newsletter more efficient. I assisted the Rev. Leslie Reimer, and her task force, in developing our diocesan response to the new Pennsylvania Child Protection Laws and we convened a diocesan leadership day in May to begin deepening how we make our parishes safer places for children. My work at the national church level included the initial conversion of the diocese to the new electronic institutional and employee roster systems implemented by the Church Pension Group as well as logistical support of our deputation to General Convention.

It has been an exciting year for the diaconate in Pittsburgh. John Mark Feuerstein and Lorena Ringle were both ordained as vocational deacons. The community ministry of Deacon Ann Staples received national coverage via an article in *Episcopal News Service*.

This past year has deepened my understanding of our diocese and I am grateful for all I've learned. I look forward to supporting the Rev. Canon Ted Babcock as he assumes the role of Director of Administration.

The Rev. Jean Chess