TRINITY CATHEDRAL CHAPTER

Cathedral Chapter members were joined by a number of interested parishioners at the 2014 "Chapter Retreat." Three themes emerged as our focus for the year.

- Increased involvement in the life of the city
- Improved communication
- Financial stewardship

<u>Community:</u> In addition to annual traditions (Blessings of the Marathoners, the Fleet and Animals; Ashes to Go; Light Up Night; concerts by various choral groups) the first annual Blessing of Educators, an ecumenical service led by Bishop McConnell and other religious and civic leaders was hosted by the Cathedral in September.

Our Outreach committee served an additional 173 families by our participation in the Walk-In Week ministry. They served five dinners at Shepherd's Heart, and prepared breakfast egg casseroles.

A project has been launched to form a Boy Choir, composed of ages 8 to 14, from the community at large, which would train and be in residence at the Cathedral.

Diocese: The Cathedral hosted the Absalom Jones commemoration, and diocesan ordinations.

<u>Parish:</u> Following an extended period of neglect of the Cathedral's aging infrastructure, Fr. Hushion, working closely with outside contractors, guided us in replacing an obsolete fire and security alarm system, a dysfunctional telephone system, and upgrading our HVAC equipment. This will be an ongoing effort in future years.

We continued to receive new members again in 2014.

Efforts to improve communication, both among the Cathedral family and with the larger world are underway.

To paraphrase Heraclitus, "The only thing constant in life is change." In July, we bade farewell to Franktuary and its gourmet hot dogs. We welcomed Canon Scott Quinn as our Interim Dean.

Respectfully submitted, Dorothy Amis Executive Committee Chair