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Fanning the Flame

A Diocesan Wide 125th Anniversary Journey of Faith

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As we move steadily toward 2012, we would like to encourage the following suggestions as your parish looks forward to beginning *Fanning the Flame* marking the celebration of our 125th Anniversary with an emphasis on spiritual renewal.

1. Ensure that leadership throughout the parish/school is directly informed about *Fanning the Flame* and they are invited to incorporate it at some level throughout the year, personally and in their respective areas of responsibility. For example committee leaders (whether Hospitality, Grounds, or RCIA) could be encouraged to include prayer intentions from the chapters during that month's meeting in their opening prayer.
2. During August consider including an announcement about the upcoming 125th Anniversary and *Fanning the Flame* in your Newsletter or Bulletin. You are welcome to use, or adapt, the press release that was also printed in *The Messenger*. It, together with other useful items for planning may be found on the [Parish Planning page of the FTF website](#).
3. Remember to include all groups in the *Fanning the Flame* opportunity. For example, perhaps families could adopt a homebound person to send/deliver the weekly study sheet to.
4. Also, we have been asked about the Study Guides that were sent back in January. These Study Guides, are optional – but may be helpful - for group facilitators to choose to use. They may be ordered from [Visitor](#). (Or if you can place a qualifying order totaling \$25 or more through Amazon ([here](#)) you can get free postage.)

St. Benedict: "Whatever good work you begin to do, beg of God with most earnest prayer to perfect it." - Let us pray!