

CTAWW GENERAL MEETING

SAT., FEB. 23, 1-4pm

Joe Hastings will provide a presentation on Saint Oscar Romero at this opportunity for enrichment and conversation on Church renewal at St. Patrick's, Seattle.

SR. BARBARA FIAND RETREAT

Over 40 of our members gathered at St. Patrick's Church on Sept. 29th to "Drink Deep of Living Waters" with Sr. Barbara Fiand, SNDdeN. Sr. Barbara drew on her deep theological knowledge to open up our understanding of Church in exciting ways sharing a vision of a renewed Church without the current clerical barriers and with a more enlightened understanding of scripture and doctrine. Sr. Barbara received top ratings from the participants who appreciated her candor and refreshing sense of humor along with the tasty luncheon that was provided.

CHALLENGING TIMES

We encourage our CTAWW subscribers to check out our website at www.ctaww.org regularly for helpful commentaries on the increasing challenges facing the Catholic Church. The Pennsylvania Attorney General findings on clerical abuse of children and the forced resignation of Cardinal McCarrick have accelerated concerns about competent management of our Church by bishops and clergy and

underscored a pressing need for major reform. Locally, this wave of negative news coincides with the launch of a \$100 million capital campaign to expand reserves for priest retirement costs along with some provision for retired women religious. Although with a rapidly growing number of retired priests there is a clear need for additional funding, laity have little oversight over the bigger picture of Archdiocesan finances and reserves or alternative means of meeting this need or at least reducing this ambitious goal. It is a time for prayerful discernment and a clear commitment to much greater lay involvement in church leadership.

ANNUAL APPEAL

Each year we invite our subscribers to make a contribution to fund the cost of the Newsletter and to subsidize the programs we provide through the year. Please consider a donation according to your means. **We suggest \$20 for your involvement with our local chapter or \$50 to also be a member of the national CTA organization. A return sheet and envelope are included in this mailing. THANKS for your support which enables us to continue our efforts to foster a Vatican II vision for our local Church. Checks should be made out to CTAWW and sent to our Treasurer, John Dunn at 1125 Broadway E., Seattle 98102.**

