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Alumni "you are the light for all the world." Mt.5:16

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Dear PFI Colleague,

I am delighted to introduce the first edition of our **PFI eNewsletter** to you. Whether a graduate, an active participant or supporter of the Pastoral Formation Institute, we invite you to become a regular reader of this new phase of communication.

1989 marked the beginning of the Pastoral Formation Institute. Now, some 21 years later PFI continues to grow, greatly due to your personal testimony and public witness of discipleship. Visit the [PFI Alumni homepage](#) for present happenings.

During the 20th Anniversary Year we established the [PFI Census](#). Hundreds of PFI Alumni responded, some of whom volunteered to discuss ways to facilitate communication among the PFI constituency. Since *almost* every parish in the diocese is represented by PFI, we thought that PFI would fit well into the Vicariate model. So together we studied the existing Diocesan deanery structure as a possible venue.

See what that deanery structure looks like: [Deanery Map](#). As you view the Diocesan map, you can see that the Diocese of Rockville Centre has 133 parishes, 14 deaneries (*parishes geographically grouped*) and three vicariates (*Eastern, Central and Western*). Do you see your parish? Your Deanery? Your Vicariate?

As a result of this study, we now have Alumni who are Parish Contacts, Deanery Representatives or Vicariate leaders and the plan is successfully underway.

You will soon hear from your parish contact person as long as we have your correct information. But you must complete/update the *census* (See *link above.*) to keep our data base current. Contact the main office at mdagostino@drvc.org or call 516-678-5900x505 if you need assistance.

In addition to implementing this new communication network, a PFI Events Team has evolved. The October 10 *Alumni Myers Briggs II: Where Are You Now* was a great success. The Next Events Team meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 13, 2011 at 6:00 pm at the Premiere Diner in Commack. Contact Jill Meise at jillmeise@hotmail.com to pass on your ideas for next year's Fall workshop at the seminary and other future activities or come to the meeting.

Save the date for the PFI Lenten Day of Reflection on Saturday, April 2, at Villa Immaculata in Riverhead or Sunday, April 3, 2011 at Our Lady of Grace, Manhasset. More details to follow next month.

If you are a graduate, a participant, an instructor, presenter, or a supporter of PFI, be certain to open this PFI eNewsletter when it arrives in your mail box each month. Send this link on to your PFI classmates who might not be on the present mailing list.

Know future PFI Candidates? Invite them to visit the [PFI Homepage](#) or contact e-peck@drvc.org for more information at any time. Applications for Fall of 2011-2012 available in early Spring.

As we enter these final days of preparation for Christmas, I join you in putting aside a few Advent moments to capture the gentleness of the season. May they bring you many blessings this Christmas and always.

In Christ's peace,

Estelle Peck
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