It is amazing what can be done by a precious few and this has been the case with the Episcopal Church Women's Board in this diocese. Our primary goal for the immediate future is to implement a recruitment process,-recruitment for board membership as well as on the parish level.

Respectfully submitted.

Charlotte A. Strowhom, President

Diocesan Episcopal Church Women (ECW)

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW)

Diocese of Northern Indiana

2003-2004

Shattered, shattered but not broken!! In the Spring of 2004 and within the short span of two months two members of the Diocesan ECW Board succumbed. First, June Morgan, Vice President (St. Timothy, Griffith) and then Jackie Kubley, South Bend Deanery President. Both of these women were staunch supporters of ECW and diligent workers May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

The Diocesan Annual Meeting was held last October 4 at St. James Cathedral. Joyce Menard, Province V ECW President was our special guest. Her presence and message was well received.

Even though the Board's human resources are severely restricted, it continues to implement its core programs, and they are:

Church Periodical Club (CPC) - Jane Paull, Chairman

This program has enabled the board to continue to make its contribution to the national

CPC, and more importantly it (the board) has made contributions to the diocese specifically for textbooks.

Bishop's Emergency Discretionary Fund - Marilyn Van Valkenburgh, Chairman. Marilyn has worked tirelessly in this area resulting in the Board making its annual - contribution to the Bishop for his discretionary use.

Memorial Fund - Dolores Bada, Chairman

Again, this project provided financial assistance through scholarships to individuals in the diocese who meet the guidelines and who plan to study toward a Christian lay ministry vocation. This year's recipients are Cindy Bean (Logansport) and Jen Claypool (Valpaniso).

Episcopal Relief & Development Fund (ER&D

The position of Coordinator for the Episcopal Relief & Development Fund (ER&D) is open and efforts continue to be exerted to fill this vacancy. Interested parties should contact the ECW President.

United Thank Offering Gwen Black, Chairman

Our diocesan contribution to this effort continues to be on-going. For the past few years

UTO grants have been awarded in this diocese. The 2004 grantees are St. Timothy of Griffith $13,000 for bathroom ADA compliant Project and Gethsemane of Marion $10,000 for kitchen renovation.

Conclusion

The Diocesan ECW Board is grateful for the response to our program requests and ,on behalf of the Board, I thank parish ECW's and vestries, clergy and individuals for their support.