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The diocese will experience another “first” this year as seven regional Parish Council Conferences will be conducted from April 30th to June 25th. With the inspiration and blessing of His Grace, Bishop Michael, the conferences will provide an opportunity for those serving on parish councils to consider the nature and content of their unique vocation in leadership and ministry within their local parish community. It is hoped that the gathering of persons from more than one parish will also build a spirit of common effort and mutual support as both the joys and struggles of parish life (spiritual and material) are shared among the participants. Father Alexander Atty (Dean of Saint Tikhon’s Seminary, South Canaan PA) has graciously agreed to lead the conferences as leader/facilitator. His particular interest and expertise in the focus of the conferences -- *“Called to Serve”* -- will bring a dynamic dimension to the events.



Parish Council Conferences

(All dates on Saturday)

April 30, 2011 ~ Saint Basil Orthodox Church ~ Watervliet NY

May 7, 2011 ~ Saint John the Baptist Orthodox Church ~ Rochester NY

May 14, 2011 ~ Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church ~ Endicott NY

June 4, 2011 ~ Christ the Saviour Orthodox Church ~ Paramus NJ

June 11, 2011 ~ Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church ~ Brooklyn NY

June 18, 2011 ~ to be determined ~ New York City Deanery

June 25, 2011 ~ Saint Vladimir Orthodox Church ~ Trenton NJ

In a letter to parish rectors and parish council members dated March 20th, the Diocesan Chancellor (Father Joseph Lickwar) wrote:

With the consecration of His Grace, Bishop MICHAEL, as hierarch of the Diocese of New York and New Jersey, new life has filled our parishes, deaneries and the diocese. In less than a year, His Grace has generated a variety of programs and projects which are beginning to meet the needs of parishes and to grow the Church.

