

## **Report from Faith and Sharing, Cleveland meeting held April 9, 2013:**

1. We discussed, at length, how to incorporate more frequent gatherings throughout the year, rather than simply relying on the annual retreat to sustain people's involvement in Faith and Sharing. We could have weekly, biweekly, or monthly gatherings at a cafe, or other mutually agreed upon meeting place.
2. In order to achieve true connections, we need to understand the lives of others. We want to respect different backgrounds (culture, religion, socio-economic status, etc.) through listening to others without trying to "cure." We want to be vessels of compassion and dignity.
3. At the core, we practice Catholicism, but all are welcome. Our focus remains the message of Jesus as reported by the Gospels.
4. We will try to increase the members of our core, planning team to get fresh ideas and more involvement.