



The JOY of CRHP

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I have lived in Carmel since 2016 and have been a member of St. Elizabeth Seton that time as well. I moved from the Beech Grove area where I lived for 20 yrs. prior to that in southern Indiana, Corydon (Harrison County) to be specific.

I first learned about Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) at Holy Name parish in Beech Grove in 2006. The old saying “third time is a charm” applies here. I signed up the first time, didn’t attend, the second time, didn’t attend and finally on the third attempt I made it. And it CHANGED my life completely! I found my renewed spirit, my sense of belonging and most importantly a renewal of my Catholic faith. As a result of that renewal of faith so many new doors have opened for me. I allowed myself to become involved so much more in my parish community life, as a Communion minister, serving on several committees at the parish, bible studies and new sisters who will be forever my sisters. The comradery with my sisters is life changing and lifelong...they prayed with me during a long term illness and death of a loved one and the death of my mother. The special feeling I received from those sisters is still with me today.

So when I moved to St Elizabeth Seton, in the first month I was here, I was invited to attend CRHP the following spring. I was excited to learn more about this new parish community, meet new friends and have MORE new sisters. Exciting for me! And that proved to be a GREAT decision. I now not only have learned more about my faith, ongoing, but I also have new life-long sisters. What a JOY it is to be in a caring, loving community. Opening my heart to new beginnings has had many rewards for me. I had the privilege of sharing the CRHP experience with another group of women and continue to meet with my CRHP sisters regularly. I now not only have learned more about my faith, ongoing, but I also have new life-long sisters.

