

STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION ACTIVITIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

DOCENTS AND TOUR GUIDES

A docent program was started in the fall of 1998 in order to have knowledgeable people available to assist the many visitors that come to the National Shrine. Docents are in the church six days a week except during services. Appointments can be made for tours for large groups. To find out more about being a docent and tour guide, or to arrange a tour, contact Diane Stock at 248.541.4122, ext. 414.

Jean, Beverly and Kathy have been giving tours of the National Shrine of the Little Flower since the summer of 1981. Much reading, research and interviewing was done in the preparation of the tour. The first tour in June of that year drew only 10 people, but the second, in July, garnered a crowd of 61! Word-of-mouth must have been favorable.

While the tours were planned primarily for parish members, people from other states and countries are often discovered in attendance. Busloads of Senior Citizens and groups of cub scouts arrive periodically. Jean, Beverly and Kathy have corresponded with Beatrice Wilczinski, who did the painting in our church, and met Corrado Parclucci, who designed the bronze and stone trim. They have interviewed friends of Fr. Coughlin and men who worked on the building itself.