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St. Adalbert's Prayer Vigil

On Sat., Sept. 15 following the 4 p.m. Mass about 100 people from various parishes gathered at the Lourdes grotto at St. Adalbert Basilica. Organizers say the group gathered together to pray, reflect and ask the Lord to heal their heavy hearts as they have become overwhelmed by mergers, loss of parish communities and the uncertainty of the future.

The St. Adalbert Spiritual Committee chairs are Ann Blass, Lori Dinero, and Pat Kowalski.

In a statement to the press the committee stated: "Our group was not the first to turn to the Lord in prayer, and we won't be the last."

The gathering included representatives from St. Adalbert, SS. Rita & Patrick, Corpus Christi, St. Florian, Infant of Prague, St. Rose of Lima, St. Valentine, St. Ann, St. John Kanty, St. Stanislaus, St. Anthony, and St. Gabriel.

Calling the service "spiritual and uplifting," the committee chairs also stated: "Despite the threat of rain and the cold fall air, all those attending felt the warmth and caring of the Lord through support of one another. Let us always continue to remember one another in prayer. We



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encourage other parishes to sponsor prayer vigils and to invite parishioners from as many parishes as possible. Turning to the Lord in prayer is truly always the answer."

Information on the effort to save St. Adalbert's is on the internet at www.savesaintadalberts.org.

The group is planning a fundraiser "Superstars Live!" on Sun., Oct. 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lancaster Opera House. Rich and Debbie Derwald will perform a full costume musical tribute to the stars. Proceeds will benefit the effort to save the 121 year-old basilica. The donation is \$12. Call 683-1776 for tickets.