
Letter from the President

Dear friends,

It's a great time to be a member of the Catholic Library Association. We are advancing in many ways and that was so very evident at our convention in Baltimore. The CLA convention is not to be missed. It is a great opportunity to network with librarians, attend interesting and educational presentations, meet the speakers, share information with them, and make new friends. It is an opportunity to really become a part of the Catholic Library Association. Mark your calendar now for March 24 – 27, 2008 for Indianapolis, IN. Keep reading the *Catholic Library World* and visiting the website, www.cathla.org for further information about the convention and ways you can become involved.

Another great opportunity for chapter leaders and the chairs of committees and sections is to attend the Leadership Institute. We will meet again in Belleville, Illinois at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows from July 12 – 15, 2007. You may have already received information about attending and we really look forward to meeting you and enlisting your support in growing our organization. One of my goals as president is to formulate a vision for the Catholic Library Association and I need your help. If you are not part of the group attending the Leadership Institute, I still would

like to hear from you. Please email me (fennell@rosemont.edu) with any thoughts of what you see as the future of CLA or any ideas to help us grow, not only to attract new members but also to encourage the current members to stay involved and active in this, your association.

As a CLA member there are many opportunities for you such as attending the Archives Workshop in Malvern, PA in the fall, sending in a recipe for the new edition of the CLA recipe book, making a quilt square, volunteering to review books for <mailto:apexams@info.collegeboard.org>, attending convention, participating in a local chapter meeting, and sharing your experiences as a librarian. CLA needs to define what its role is in the library world and attain that as best we can. We are heading in the right direction and it will take a strong commitment from our members to continue the mission of CLA and to fashion a vision that all of us can embrace, as a group, as a member of a local chapter or as an individual member of the Catholic Library Association. I truly look forward to hearing from you and continuing to work with you in making CLA the best it can be.


President, CLA
