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## BLOOD DRIVE

The Blood Center of New Jersey will be at Union council on Nov. 23, 1996 from 11AM to 4PM to conduct our semi-annual blood drive. In a recent letter, the Blood Center stated that blood donations in New Jersey have been steadily declining for several years, and at this point, New Jersey is not self-sustaining and with the on coming winter, blood will be in short supply. The Blood Center asks for your extra help now.

Our blood drive in June was the best we have had in recent years. 63 Donors registered, 5 were postponed and 58 units of blood were donated. Lets top that in this drive.

Blood donors should bring their social security card and a signed form of identification. See you November 23rd.

If you have any questions on donating blood or if you or your family are in need of blood replacement, please call me at (908) 688-3618.

Dominick Clementoni PGK  
Blood Bank Chairman

## DINNER/FASHION SHOW

The Dinner/Fashion Show Committee would like to thank everyone for their donations, help and cooperation. It was due to the combined efforts of so many -- including businesses, members and friends that the Dinner/Fashion Show was so successful. Our thanks to everyone who attended, it was a great night!

Dinner/Fashion Show Committee  
Janice Hibbard  
Paula Gibki  
Iris Rispoli

## THE EXPRESSION OF LOVE IS IN GIVING

Love is expressed by giving: the giving of material things alone will not suffice. We must give of ourselves. It is the sum total of our daily interaction with the child that accomplishes the task of satisfying his/her need for love. Our personal behavior must communicate the following message:

We know you.

We care for you.

We accept you as you are.

We give you our love.

The terms are unconditional. True love will never say, "If you change, I will love you." This is rejection, not love. However, after the gift is given, we will often see the power of love transform the recipient into a new and better person. Parental love is demonstrated in a thousand different ways:

- A kiss, a hug, a smile
- A pat on the back
- Working together, laughing together
- Praying together
- Reading a bedtime story
- Praise and reward for good behavior
- Correcting misbehavior
- Tolerating failures
- Forgiving
- Discipline without hostility
- Showing a good example

True love is doing, giving and helping, but only in a way that fulfills their needs, not ours. Love is not catering to a child's whims and demands. Love is not telling a child he is right when he is wrong. Love is not giving a child material things far in excess of his needs. Love is not doing for children things they can do for themselves. Love is not approving or tolerating a child's misbehavior. Love is not shielding a child from responsibility for his action. True parental love is sensible, reasonable, truthful and understanding.

--From: The Art Of Parenting by John F. Miller, MD, Franciscan Herald Press, Chicago, 1979.

## "Light Up For Christ"

On Monday, December 2 at 7 PM, we will have a "Light Up for Christ" Christmas service. We will light the council Christmas tree. Our chaplain will bless the tree. We invite you to bring an ornament from home, have it blessed and return it back to your tree at home. We will also sing a carol or two. start Advent and the Christmas season with this brief ceremony.

## A NOVEMBER PRAYER

O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last.

From "Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers"

