

SMALL CHURCH COMMUNITY RESOURCES

All resources rather print or video are available in the Archdiocese Media Centers.

<http://legacy.catholiccincinnati.org/oec/catalog/>

Resources for Beginning Groups

Come as You Are – 12 sessions for beginning groups, bonding and trust building; NAPRC, 1997

Pray as You Are – 12 sessions for beginning groups, experiencing prayer; NAPRC,

Praying Alone And Together - An 11 Session Prayer Module For Small Faith Communities
Arthur R Baranowski; St Anthony Messenger Press 1988

Resources for established groups as well as for small group study especially bible or scripture study:

Ancient-Future Bible Study: Experience Scripture through Lectio Divina – Stephen Binz; individual or group bible study, adaptable to 5, 6, 10, or 15 weeks sessions; titles, *Abraham, David, Paul, Peter, Women of the Gospel, Women of the Torah*; Brazos Press, 2010

Faith Sharing For Small Church Communities - Questions and Commentaries On The Sunday Readings; Arthur R Baranowski; St Anthony Messenger Press 1993

Gathered In His Name by Margo Doten

8 topics of 6-week sessions designed for small groups titles: Mark, Matthew, Lent & Easter, Old Testament, 20th Century Catholics, Vatican II, Making Connections; St. Anthony Messenger Press

Lectio Divina Bible Study 2 books, Sacraments in Scripture and Mass in Scripture, Stephen J. Binz, Our Sunday Visitor

Six Weeks with the Bible from Loyola Press; So far there are 26 small books in this series each designed for 6 sessions each; The titles covers some book/ books or part of a book of the Bible

Journey into the Bible from Liguori Publications; So far there are 4 resources available in this series each designed for 6 sessions; Titles Genesis I, Genesis II, Exodus, and Mark

DeSales Scripture Study Basic Tools for Bible Study

This book is 8 sessions and gives an introduction and overview of Scripture; St. Anthony Messenger Press and Franciscan Communications

Growing Faith Project – 48 sessions, each a different topic, 23rd Publications; Topics examples: Prayer, God, Trinity, Church Belief; <http://store.pastoralplanning.com/puabgrfahe.html>

To Live in Christ – 5 topics of 6-week sessions – Paulist Press Spiritual Formation; Topics: Baptism, Eucharist, Prayer, Jesus, Discipleship

Threshold Bible Study – Stephen Binz, 15 topics of 6-week sessions – 23rd Publications; Topics: Advent, Tragic and Triumphant Cross, Name of Jesus, People of Passion, Resurrection and Life, Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of Jesus, Lamb and the Beasts, Biblical Feasts of Judaism, Eucharist, Sacred Heart, Jerusalem The Holy City, Angels of God, Holy Spirit and Spiritual Gifts, Mysteries of the Rosary, Stewards of the Earth

Catholic Faith Sharing – 6-sessions for each topic – Archdiocese of Milwaukee, Liturgical Publications; Topics: Mark, Eucharist, Luke, Reconciliation

Little Rock Scripture Study designed for Small Group, provides, scripture, commentary, questions, prayers, and Lector; provides 3 levels of study, general, intermediate and in-depth; 34 titles available, lengths of sessions vary from 4 to 15 weeks; complete information, <http://www.littlerockscripture.org/en/programs.html>

Living the Good News Resources for SCC – 4 topics of 6-weeks each, *Justice, Scripture, Community, Ritual*

Lift Up Your Hearts praying with the third edition of the Roman Missal; 6-session small group process to learn about the new missal and to renew participation at Mass, <http://www.renewintl.org/>

Longing for the Holy – 6 sessions based on *Holy Longings* by Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, OMI, Renew International, <http://www.renewintl.org/>

Bridge to Contemplative Living with Thomas Merton - 8 booklets of 8 sessions each –Ave Maria Press; Based on writings of Merton such as *Seeds of Contemplation*

Working the Word Revitalize Faith Communities through prayer and service – 10 sessions – Paulist Press

Renew-Impact Series – 26 titles of 6-7 sessions each, Renew Publishers; Topics examples: Spirituality and Prayer, Sacraments, Faith in Daily Life, Discipleship in Action, Beyond Black and White, Make Media Work, Make God Visible, The World of Work;

Quest – Sunday Lectionary reflections for SCC – Archdiocese of Harford; Published 3 times a year has prayer, song, questions and reflections, complete layout plan for a small group meeting, <http://www.sccquest.org/quest/quest.html>

Conversing with God in Scripture: A Contemporary Approach to Lectio Divina – Stephen Binz, 9-sessions; Word Among Us Press, 2008

Immersed in Christ – Fr. David M. Knight, year round daily reflections with weekly guide for reflection and discussion; purpose is to foster spiritual growth and on going conversion; Abbey Press, <http://www.pathoflifebooks.com/article.asp?ai=1053>

Videos for SCC; all resources are available in the Media Centers
<http://legacy.catholiccincinnati.org/oec/catalog/>

Vatican II for today: Five sessions of 30 minutes each, with questions for discussion, from Michael Himes

Faith Formation for Adults –Each gospel is covered in three sessions for a total of 12 sessions of Scripture, witness and reflection; questions for discussion and reflection are included

Catholic Church in the 21st Century – 6 sessions on what the church has learned from past Church History, with prayer and questions for discussion

Creating Sabbath Space in Our Lives – 10 sessions with Fr. Ron Rolheiser, includes reflection and discussion; Can be used as a retreat

Lay Ministry Visioning Church Through Wisdom of the Past – 6 sessions with prayer, questions for discussion and reflection

Spirituality for the 21st Century Experiencing God in Catholic Tradition – 6 sessions with prayer, questions for discussion

Christ Life's Evangelization Process-each segment 7 sessions, use independently of each other, <http://www.christlife.org/resources.html>

Discovering Christ - encountering Jesus and being a part of the Church

Following Christ – Catholic discipleship, topics include prayer, scripture, sacraments,

Sharing Christ – how to talk with others about Christ and invite to be part of the Church

Meaningful Conversations about Prayer – 4 sessions with questions for discussion; an opportunity to experience different ways to pray

Both of the series below are provided by St. Anthony Messenger Press; it is excellent basic scripture study:

Scripture from Scratch

16 video sessions with printed guide and questions for discussion

This series promotes basic tools and understanding of Scripture and a study of parts of the bible for use by small groups

Scripture from Scratch II

8 video sessions with printed guide and questions for discussion; this is similar to the above but looks at Scripture from an historical and geographic perspective

The Vision of the Gospel a DVD covering the four Gospels; Fr. Michael J. Himes – author and presenter; 4 sessions about 30 minutes each; Download guide with questions for discussion: <http://catalog.americancatholic.org/guide/> Scroll down to find The Vision of the Gospel Guide

Nooma videos each is 11-14 minutes and provides a rich source for reflection and discussion.

Can be used with RCIA or any group:

Rain – God's presence during storms in life

Flame – Love as God intended

Trees – Meaning of life today

Sunday – Why go to Church -connecting religion and life

Noise – How can we hear God -why is silence hard to deal with

Kickball – Not getting what you pray for -what really makes us happy

Luggage – More than forgiving those who hurt us - freedom and forgiveness

Dust – Believing in God - we can be the person God intended

Bullhorn – Loving God and everyone around us -real meaning of life and love

Lump – No matter what we do nothing can change God's love

Rhythm – Relationship with God -looking at how you live

Matthew – Losing someone we love -feelings are okay

Rich – God has blessed us -gift, giving, charity

Breathe – Attention to the way we breath -how God created us as human

You – Better understand our selves -historical perspective on faith

Store – What is the root of anger

Today – Live life to the fullest - consequences of choices

Name – Live the life God wants - self-acceptance

Open – Does God answer prayer? - prayer and grief

Shells – don't miss out -saying no to busyness

She – God's Nature - feminine images of God

Tomato – Where does values come from – self-worth, what is it

Corner – Separated from those who need our help -getting what you want, share success

Whirlwind – No neat answer to bad times, being open to God's way

Information for forming and maintaining Small Church Communities

Making A Difference in Each Others Lives and Faith: Parish and Small Church

Communities How SCC can make a difference in peoples' lives, fosters spirituality and promotes the mission of the Church; 18 minute informational video from Quest, Archdiocese of Hartford

Creating Small Faith Communities -A Plan For Restructuring The Parish And Renewing Catholic Life; Arthur R Baranowski; St Anthony Messenger Press 1988

Pastoring the Pastors - Resources For Training And Supporting Pastoral Facilitators Arthur R Baranowski; St Anthony Messenger Press 1988

Small Christian Communities, A resource for SCCs' in the Parish; Thomas A. Kleissler, Margo A. LeBert, Mary C. McGuinness; Paulist Press, 1997

These are some web sites for small Christian communities:

The National Alliance for Parishes Restructuring into Communities: <http://naprc.faithweb.com>

The North American Forum for Small Christian Communities: <http://www.nafsc.org/#>

Small Christian Communities Global Collaborative Website: <http://smallchristiancommunities.org>

Paulist Evangelization Ministries: <http://www.pemdc.org/>

Small Christian Community Connection: <http://www.sccconnect.org/>