

A DISCIPLE'S
PRAYER

Loving God and Father,
help us to be people of prayer,
committed to the person and message of
Jesus your Son.

Help us to grasp
the integrity and beauty
of the truths of our faith and
the transforming power of your grace.

Nourish and strengthen us
as people of faith,
disciples of Jesus,
committed to the mission of the Church
and eager to share the gospel
without restraint.

Let our hearts burn within us
as we catch glimpses of your
heart in Jesus,
for through him,
we know your loving plan for us.

We ask this through Jesus the Christ
who lives with you and the Holy Spirit
in one loving Trinity.

Amen.

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can become involved call one of
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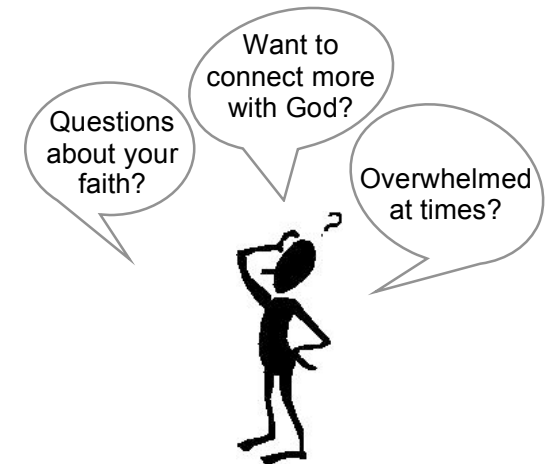


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WHY CATHOLIC?
JOURNEY THROUGH THE CATECHISM



Then this is for **YOU!**

Experience the best of
Faith learning
Faith sharing
Faith living



QUESTIONS

What is *Why Catholic?*

Why Catholic? is a unique adult faith formation program that is solidly based on Scripture and the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.



Why Catholic? offers a concrete approach to help adults deepen their Catholic faith and connect its teachings to their everyday lives.

Why Catholic? encourages learning in a prayerful small-community setting.

Who would benefit from *Why Catholic?*

- ∞ Catholics who want to deepen their faith
- ∞ Parents who want to pass on their faith
- ∞ Catechists who want to enhance their faith
- ∞ Adult candidates and catechumens who want to learn the faith
- ∞ Parish organizations and staff who want to reflect on their faith

What are the themes of *Why Catholic?*

Book 1: *The Profession of Faith: What we Believe*

Discover the basic truths of our faith and how they connect with our daily living.

Book 2: *The Celebration of the Christian Mystery: Sacraments*

Appreciate the richness of the Mass and see the sacraments as doors to the sacred.

Book 3: *Life in Christ: Walking with God*

Explore the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes as sources for moral wisdom and as blueprints for living the Christian life.

Book 4: *Christian Prayer: Deepening My Experience of God*

Experience different forms of prayer as ways to grow more deeply in our relationship with God.



How Can I Be Involved?

Join a small Christian community

Using Book 1 on the *Profession of Faith*, groups will meet for 6 weeks starting the week of October 8th. Sign up at Mass on September 16th & 17th or call any of the people listed on the back panel.



Read: RENEWING FAMILY FAITH

These weekly bulletins will enrich the lives of everyone. Through stories, blessings, Scripture, activities, and additional resources, explore the important teachings of our Catholic faith.



Attend the Parish Retreats and Enrichment Sessions

Every six months the parish will gather to deepen understanding of our Catholic identity through a faith enrichment presentation or a retreat experience. Watch bulletin for details and dates.



LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Friends in Christ,

Do you wish you had a deeper appreciation of the beliefs, richness and joy of our Catholic faith? To really understand the power of God's Word in our lives? To find ways to link our faith with our everyday life? I know I have and so have many others. Therefore, our parish is going to participate in **Why Catholic?** an opportunity through small communities to bring together the Scriptures and the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Why Catholic? can be a powerful means of growth for each of us individually, as well as for the parish as a community. I support this process wholeheartedly and look forward to participating in the Small Christian Communities. I hope you will join me on this unique spiritual journey.

Monsignor Morrissey

