

invitation

St. John Fisher Chapel University Parish
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You
are
invited
to a very **special**
opportunity
at St. John Fisher
University
Chapel...

Renew
RENEWAL
RELEVANCE
RELATIONSHIPS

September 10, 2009

Dear Parish Family,

I hope you've seen or heard about our plans for the Parish "Year of Renewal," because **now those plans include you!**

Over the past few months the Parish Council, Pastoral Team and many others have been working to create a **renewal experience** that could be easily participated in by most of our faith family through weekend liturgies and/or Tuesday evenings and/or small sharing groups similar to the very successful process called "speak up groups" a few years ago.

Our Vision, Mission, and Value statements have been published in the bulletin in recent weeks – essentially we want to engage our Parish family in a series of six weekend liturgies that would be followed up by a Tuesday evening celebration as well as small sharing groups over the months of October through March. The small sharing groups will be facilitated around themes from Scriptures that will provide you with an **opportunity to share** personal experiences and insights around a key relevant question:

Why am I still a Catholic and what should that mean to me?

Please review this brochure carefully for all the information you need, because our goal is to make this process easy and interesting – a real opportunity to deepen our faith as individuals and as a community ... So we hope you will give prayerful consideration to this invitation and actively participate in our **Year of Renewal!**

God's blessings,

Fr. Jerry

DEEPEN OUR FAITH

What you need to know:

A glimpse of the new in-chapel banners have given you a hint; but more deeply, they're based on a **three-part foundation**:

1 VISION: Finding deeper meaning in our relationships and our Catholic faith.

2 VALUES: Personal and community growth; relevancy of faith in daily life; relationships to God and one another.

3 MISSION: Create and provide opportunities to experience growth and relevancy of our Catholic faith individually and communally; relate the experience to the whole community to build and celebrate our community.

Find out more? The weekly bulletin will have a story every week. Check out the www.stjohnfisherparish.org and the YOR Facebook site www.facebook.com; (search for St. John Fisher Year of Renewal).

During YOR Masses: For six weekends through next spring, there will be special Year of Renewal (YOR) liturgies at the Saturday and Sunday Masses.

After YOR Masses: There will be a 10-15 minute post-liturgy session on the topic.

Tuesdays following YOR Masses: There'll be an evening of reflection at the church to explore questions related to the theme of the week. Everybody can attend. These evenings can serve to augment the small group presentations, they can stand alone and/or they can also be sampled intermittently along the way.

Small Groups during YOR weeks: Groups will gather at homes and/or Chapel for more intimate and personal discussions on the topic.

Small Group Information:

Read the following key information to help you decide:

Commitment: Each of the six small group gatherings (1½ to 2 hours) will be held during the designated two week period at a time of your choosing.

Conflicts: Even if you may be unable to attend some meetings – please do not let that prevent you from signing up to participate!

Register: Just complete and detach the registration form and bring it along to church this week or next. Your prompt response will give us the time we need to start organizing the groups.

YOR Weekend Dates:

Fall Theme: God's Presence and Call:

Oct. 3-4: *In my personal life.*

Oct. 24-25: *In my personal life related to community.*

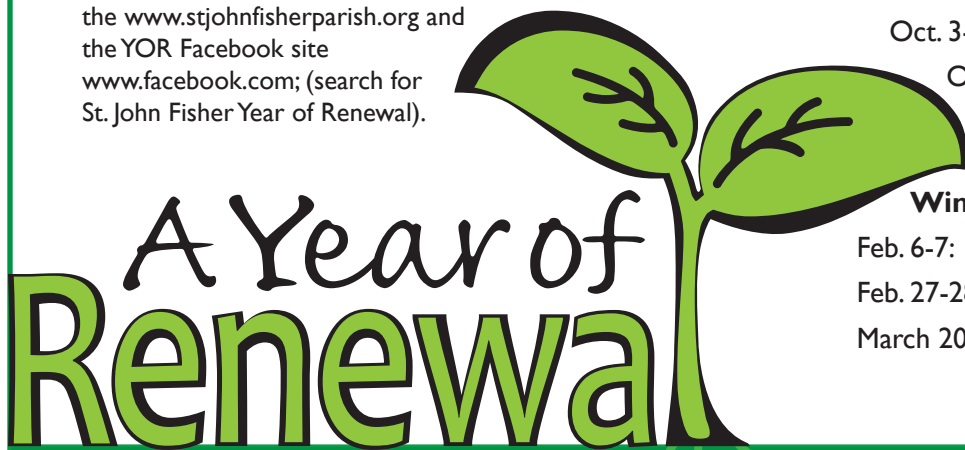
Nov. 14-15: *In my personal life as a member of the larger community.*

Winter theme: My/Our response to God's Presence and Call:

Feb. 6-7: *My response as an individual.*

Feb. 27-28: *My/Our response as belonging to a community.*

March 20-21: *As individuals and as a community.*



A Year of Renewal

2009-2010

Registration Form for Small Group participation

Please enroll me (us) in the YOR small sharing group process:

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Preferred day of the week to meet:

Preferred day (1st) _____

or (2nd) _____

No preference

Preferred time to meet:

Check all that apply.

Morning Afternoon Evening

No Preference

Other notes for reference:

Preferences not indicated above:

Willing to host group in my(our) home to assist a facilitator

Please bring your completed form with you to church this week; or mail to SJF, 3665 Walton Blvd., Auburn Hills, MI 48326; or register on line at: www.stjohnfisherparish.org