

Catholics Coming Home 2012: A Ministry of Compassion and Reconciliation

Catholics Coming Home is a program at St. Raphael designed to reach out and invite non-practicing Catholics to return “home” to the Catholic Church and resume active practice of their faith. Seven weekly sessions provide updated information on the basics of Catholicism in a non-threatening, support-group format.

St. Raphael’s Evangelization Committee began the program in 2006 and has received very positive feedback from those who have attended. Several former participants are now members of the planning team. One person praised the program for the “palpable sincerity” that was shown to her by the team members.

The sessions will be held at St. Raphael Church, 525 Dover Center Rd., Bay Village, 44140, on seven Wednesday from February 1 to March 14, 2012 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Raphael Center (old convent). Someone will be waiting outside to greet participants.

For more information, and to register, call one of the coordinators: Mrs. Annette DeGidio at 250-9028, Mrs. Dean Brennan at 892-2877, or Deacon Larry Gregg at 871-1100 x134. Registration is very much appreciated, but not mandatory. An active Catholic may accompany a participant if it would make that person feel more comfortable.

2012 Schedule

- Feb. 1 Welcome**
Overview of series
Introductions
- Feb. 8 Our Journey**
Sharing by team and participants
- Feb. 15 Reconciliation & Eucharist**
(Confession & Communion)
- Feb. 22 The Creed**
- Feb. 29 Vatican II & Annulments**
- Mar. 7 The Mass**
Including a walk-through of the Mass
- Mar. 14 “Next Steps” for participants**
- April 2012: Three optional sessions
on Prayer & Spirituality**

