



St. Hyacinth Parish

927 Tenth Street

LaSalle
Catholic Parishes

St. Patrick Parish

725 Fourth Street

September 2013

Dear fellow community members,

I have often met people who have told me that sometimes they feel God is very distant from their lives. Facing difficult situations initiates questions about how a good God can allow certain things to happen; at other times people are not able to understand certain teachings of the Church. Others have no personal difficulty with their faith, but have a hard time trying to communicate their experience of God and the Church to their children, grandchildren or friends. People today often find it difficult to experience God who is really Love, who is present and acting in their daily life.

The Neocatechumenal Way is an itinerary of faith that helps the 'body of Christ' live their Baptism today, similarly like those of the Catechumenate of the early Church. It is a powerful way to experience our faith at a deeper level and to pass it on more effectively to others including the younger generations.

We are privileged to have the Catechesis (mission) of the Neocatechumenal Way given in our community at St. Patrick Church beginning **September 16th on Mondays and Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:00 pm.** in the Church. This Catechesis is both for those who feel distant from the Church and the Faith, and for those who, practicing the faith, desire an ongoing Christian formation. It is a fantastic opportunity, which in some cases, may be life changing, and can open up new possibilities. I am sure that many members of our community may benefit from this. It is also an opportunity for those who have children, grandchildren, friends or neighbors who are distant from the Church, to let them experience the Church in a different way that may be more appealing and may connect with their everyday life: invite them to attend and join them – to "Come and Listen". This Catechesis is for adults and youth thirteen (13) years of age and older.

The world of finance knows well that in order to get profit it is necessary to take risk and to invest. This is especially true in our Faith/Spiritual life, where to take risk and to invest can mean giving up a comfortable evening from in front of the TV, missing a child's (grandchild's) game, or to be open to some experience different from what we are accustomed to. But the profit is well worth the risk: Faith's goal is Salvation!

Babysitting will be provided for free on premises for those who need it. I hope to see you on September 16th. If an immovable commitment prevents you from attending any of the Catechesis, you are welcome and encouraged to come to the others.

God bless! With kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely in Christ,

Reverend Father Antonio Dittmer
Pastor

CATECHESIS FOR ADULTS

NEOCATECHUMENAL WAY



"Whoever listens to my words and believes in the one who sent me has eternal life"
(Jn. 5:24)

Do you want more from your life?
Are you looking to a deeper faith?
Is there anything in your life that makes you feel disappointed or even depressed?
Do you want to understand the Word of God?

COME AND LISTEN

The event that can change your life

MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS 7:00 PM TO 8:00 PM

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