

Dear Saint Joseph Faith Community Members,

I would like to invite you to participate in a wonderful opportunity to grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ. This fall, our parish will participate in a process of renewal and evangelization called *Awakening to Christ*, which is the first of a four-part series sponsored by the diocese entitled, “*On a Journey Together*.”

This process is designed for small groups who will gather at convenient times and locations. We are striving to identify times and places that will fit your needs. Some groups may gather at the parish hall while others may gather in homes, and some may seek out locations that seem more convenient (perhaps a library or local coffee shop). It is our hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity.

While engaging “*On a Journey Together*, you will have the opportunity to reflect on Sacred Scripture, spend time with teachings about the Church, and contemplate our role as members of the Body of Christ and citizens of the world.

You might be asking yourself, “What is in it for me?” Here are but a few of the advantages you might find for yourself:

1. Making time for adult conversation
2. Getting to know more people in the parish
3. Continuing to grow in relationship with Jesus Christ
4. Developing or deepening a greater sense of community with your parish family
5. Taking time to consider some of the teachings of the Church

There will be sign-up cards in the pews of the Church in the coming weeks or you can pick one up at the parish office. Please consider participating in *Awakening to Christ*. The gatherings will begin the week of September 27<sup>th</sup> and the final gathering will be held the week of November 8<sup>th</sup> in the parish hall.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Sharon Lawson at 462-4677 or Sami Heithoff at 462-4792. They would be glad to help in any way they can.

Blessings to you and your family now and always...especially as we begin *On a Journey Together!*

Fr Chris