

SMALL CHURCH COMMUNITY RESOURCES

All these resources rather print or video are available in the Archdiocese Media Centers.

<http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/oec/catalog/>

Creating Small Faith Communities -A Plan For Restructuring The Parish And Renewing Catholic Life; Arthur R Baranowski; St Anthony Messenger Press 1988

Pastoring the Pastors - Resources For Training And Supporting Pastoral Facilitators
Arthur R Baranowski; St Anthony Messenger Press 1988

Small Christian Communities, Thomas A. Kleissler, Margo A. LeBert, Mary C. McGuinness; Paulist Press, 1997

Come as You Are – 12 sessions for beginning groups, bonding and trust building; NAPRC, 1997

Pray as You Are – 12 sessions for beginning groups, experiencing prayer; NAPRC,

Praying Alone And Together - An 11 Session Prayer Module For Small Faith Communities
Arthur R Baranowski; St Anthony Messenger Press 1988

Faith Sharing For Small Church Communities - Questions and Commentaries On The Sunday Readings;
Arthur R Baranowski; St Anthony Messenger Press 1993

Gathered In His Name by Margo Doten

8 topics of 6-week sessions designed for small groups titles: Mark, Matthew, Lent & Easter, Old Testament, 20th Century Catholics, Vatican II, Making Connections; St. Anthony Messenger Press

Six Weeks with the Bible from Loyola Press; So far there are 26 small books in this series each designed for 6 sessions each; The titles covers some book/ books or part of a book of the Bible

Journey into the Bible from Liguori Publications; So far there are 4 resources available in this series each designed for 6 sessions; Titles Genesis I, Genesis II, Exodus, and Mark; will cover total bible when completed.

DeSales Scripture Study Basic Tools for Bible Study

This book is 8 sessions and gives an introduction and overview of Scripture; St. Anthony Messenger Press and Franciscan Communications

Growing Faith Project – 48 sessions, each a different topic, 23rd Publications; Topics examples: Prayer, God, Trinity, Church Belief; <http://store.pastoralplanning.com/puabgrfahe.html>

To Live in Christ – 5 topics of 6-week sessions – Paulist Press Spiritual Formation; Topics: Baptism, Eucharist, Prayer, Jesus, Discipleship

Threshold Bible Study – Stephen Binz, 15 topics of 6-week sessions – 23rd Publications; Topics: Advent, Tragic and Triumphant Cross, Name of Jesus, People of Passion, Resurrection and Life, Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of Jesus, Lamb and the Beasts, Biblical Feasts of Judaism, Eucharist, Sacred Heart, Jerusalem The Holy City, Angels of God, Holy Spirit and Spiritual Gifts, Mysteries of the Rosary, Stewards of the Earth

Catholic Faith Sharing – 6-sessions for each topic – Archdiocese of Milwaukee, Liturgical Publications; Topics: Mark, Eucharist, Luke, Reconciliation

Resources for SCC – 4 topics of 6-weeks – Living the Good News; Topics: Justice, Scripture, Community, Ritual

Bridge to Contemplative Living with Thomas Merton - 8 booklets of 8 sessions each –Ave Maria Press; Based on writings of Merton such as *Seeds of Contemplation*

Working the Word Revitalize Faith Communities through prayer and service – 10 sessions – Paulist Press

Renew-Impact Series – 26 titles of 6-7 sessions each, Renew Publishers; Topics examples: Spirituality and Prayer, Sacraments, Faith in Daily Life, Discipleship in Action, Beyond Black and White, Make Media Work, Make God Visible, The World of Work;

Quest – Sunday Lectionary reflections for SCC – Archdiocese of Harford; Published 3 times a year has prayer, song, questions and reflections, complete layout plan for a small group meeting

Conversing with God in Scripture: A Contemporary Approach to Lectio Divina – Stephen Binz, 9-sessions; Word Among Us Press, 2008

Immersed in Christ – Fr. David M. Knight, year round daily reflections with weekly guide for reflection and discussion; purpose is to foster spiritual growth; Abbey Press, 2009.

Video Series for SCC; all resources are available in the Media Centers

<http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/oec/catalog/>

Vatican II for today: Video Five sessions of 30 minutes, with questions, from Michael Himes

Faith Formation for Adults – Video of each gospel in three sessions for a total of 12 sessions with questions

Catholic Church in the 21st Century – Video 6 sessions with prayer, questions

Creating Sabbath Space in Our Lives – DVD of 10 sessions with Fr. Ron Rolheiser, includes reflection and discussion;

Lay Ministry Visioning Church Through Wisdom of the Past – Video 6 sessions with prayer, questions

Spirituality for the 21st Century Experiencing God in Catholic Tradition – Video 6 sessions with prayer, questions

Meaningful Conversations about Prayer – Video 4 sessions with questions

Both of the series below are provided by St. Anthony Messenger Press; although this series is older the content is excellent and is still being sold. (It is available in our Media Center.)

Scripture from Scratch

16 video sessions with printed guide and questions for discussion

This series promotes basic tools and understanding of Scripture and a study of parts of the bible for small groups

Scripture from Scratch II

8 video sessions with printed guide and questions for discussion; This is similar to the above but looks at Scripture from an historical and geographic perspective

The Vision of the Gospel a DVD covering the four Gospels; Fr. Michael J. Himes – author and presenter; 4 sessions about 30 minutes each; Download guide: Catalog.AmericanCatholic.org/guide/; You will need to scroll down to find The Vision of the Gospel Guide

Below is a list of DVDs from **Nooma** each is 11-14 minutes and provides a rich source for reflection and discussion. Please refer to the Media Center for more descriptions,
<http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/oec/catalog/>

Rain – where is God when bad things happen?
Flame – perspective on love
Trees – meaning of life
Sunday – connecting religion and life
Noise – why is silence hard to deal with
Kickball – what really makes us happy
Luggage – freedom and forgiveness
Dust – we can be the person God intended
Bullhorn – real meaning of life and love
Lump – nothing can change God’s love
Rhythm – looking at how you live
Matthew – feelings are okay
Rich – gift, giving, charity

Breathe – how God created us as human
You – historical perspective on faith
Store – the root of anger
Today – consequences of choices
Name – self-acceptance
Open – prayer and grief
Shells – saying no to busyness
She – feminine images of God
Tomato – self-worth, what is it
Corner – getting what you want, share success
Whirlwind – Bad times, being open to God’s way

These are some web sites for small Christian communities.

The National Alliance for parishes restructuring into Communities: they also offer resources to be used in SCC:
<http://naprc.faihtweb.com>

The North American Forum for SCC; it is a support group: <http://www.nafsc.com>

Small Christian Communities Global Collaborative Website: <http://smallchristiancommunities.org>

This is Eat the Scroll web site. <http://pages.prodigy.net/etsm/index.html>

Paulist National Catholic Evangelization Association: <http://www.pncea.org/>

The web page for Quest: <http://www.sccquest.org/index.html>

This is the Renew web site. You can order materials without buying into programs: <http://www.renewintl.org>

For support and assistance, Small Christian Community Connection: <http://www.buenavista.org/index.php>

Other resources:

Renew International - <http://www.renewintl.org>

Why Catholic?
Longing for the Holy
Renew 2000
Renew

Christ Life <http://www.christlife.org/>

Discovering Christ
Following Christ
Sharing Christ
Alpha