

# ARCHDIOCESE OF SEATTLE

## Resource for Parishes



As *Special Projects Coordinator* for the Archdiocese of Seattle, **RON RYAN** is available to parishes as a resource for **ADULT FAITH FORMATION, RETREATS, and WORKSHOPS**. Ron has a doctorate in ministry and has served in full-time lay ecclesial ministry in various parish and catechetical roles for 43 years.

Listed below are topics and programs which can be presented or adapted for specific needs.

### One-Evening Adult Faith Formation Sessions

#### **THE VOCATION OF THE LAY PERSON**

Understanding the lay person's call to share in the mission of Christ and the Church in the secular world

#### **SPIRITUAL GROWTH: WHAT DOES A MATURE CATHOLIC LOOK LIKE?**

A look at what is needed for a healthy, effective life as a Catholic today

#### **BEING CATHOLIC IN THE NONE ZONE: LIVING YOUR FAITH IN A SECULAR WORLD**

An open discussion about the challenges of living in a region where Catholic faith and values aren't always popular

#### **CATHOLICS & CONSCIENCE: WHEN OUR CHURCH AND OUR HEART SEEM TO DISAGREE**

The role of conscience and the role of the Church in moral decision making for the lay Catholic

#### **THE CATHOLIC WORLDVIEW: HOW OUR FAITH SHAPES THE WAY WE SEE THE WORLD**

Exploring how our basic beliefs can shape our attitudes and interactions

#### **BEING A GOOD CATHOLIC FAMILY (EVEN IF YOU HAVE CHILDREN)**

Simple things parents can do to hand on their faith

#### **HELPING CHILDREN PARTICIPATE IN MASS**

Simple things parents and parishes can do to help young Catholics engage more fully in the Mass

#### **STEWARDSHIP 101: FIVE TIPS FOR GETTING STARTED**

Building a foundation for stewardship as a way of life

# Adult Faith Formation Series (3-5 sessions)

## **SHARING YOUR FAITH WITHOUT BEING OBNOXIOUS:**

### **A SHORT COURSE IN CATHOLIC EVANGELIZATION**

Four sessions helping Catholics recognize the simple ways they can share their faith in their everyday lives

## **CATHOLICISM FOR ADULTS: WHAT WE BELIEVE & WHY IT'S IMPORTANT**

A five session overview of foundational Catholic beliefs and what they mean for everyday life: the purpose of life; the Trinity and the Incarnation; the Church; sacraments; and prayer

## **GROUNDING IN GOD: BUILDING CONFIDENCE IN OURSELVES, OUR RELATIONSHIPS & OUR VOCATIONS**

Four sessions on essential attributes of a mature lay spirituality: personal authority; vibrant prayer life; mature conscience; and effective discernment

## **SPIRITUALITY@WORK: FINDING MEANING IN WHAT YOU DO 40 HOURS A WEEK**

Five sessions helping participants connect their faith and values with their profession

## **LET YOUR LIFE SPEAK: DISCERNING GOD'S CALLING FOR OUR LIVES**

Five sessions helping adults recognize the unique way God is calling them to make a difference in the world

## *Scripture Series*

### **GOSPEL OF MATTHEW: I WILL BE WITH YOU ALWAYS**

Hearing Jesus' message to a church—and a world—as it struggled with upheaval and transition

### **GOSPEL OF MARK: WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?**

Walking with the disciples as they struggle to understand what it means to be a follower of Jesus

### **LUKE: THE GOSPEL FOR SAINTS & SINNERS**

A study of the Gospel that challenges us to be a Church as inclusive as Jesus

### **GOSPEL OF JOHN: SIGNS OF GOD AMONG US**

Learning to recognize the presence of Christ in our lives and our world

### **ACTS OF THE APOSTLES**

A look at the story of how ordinary people changed the world by being faithful to the Holy Spirit

### **THE LIFE & MESSAGE OF PAUL**

A look at the apostle and his faith, with an overview of his letters

### **THE BOOK OF REVELATION: A CATHOLIC UNDERSTANDING**

Hearing the message of hope in this book written to a world falling apart

# *MORE Scripture Series*

## **READING THE BIBLE AS A CATHOLIC**

An overview of the basics needed to read and interpret Scripture from a Catholic perspective

## **INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE**

An overview of the Bible, its history and its message

## **OVERVIEW OF THE OLD TESTAMENT**

What makes up the Old Testament, where it came from, and why it's important to Christians

## **OVERVIEW OF THE NEW TESTAMENT**

What makes up the New Testament, where it came from, and why it's important to us today

# *One-Day Retreats*

## **HEALING THROUGH FORGIVENESS**

Accepting the grace to forgive others, ourselves, and God

## **GETTING PERSONAL: DEEPENING OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD**

A day of reflection to help us accept God's infinite, unconditional love

## **GROWING IN LOVE: RETREAT FOR MARRIED & ENGAGED COUPLES**

A day to help couples recognize God's grace in their past and open themselves to God's vision for their future

## **DISCOVERING MEANING & WISDOM IN THE SECOND HALF OF LIFE**

Finding ways to live faithfully with new purpose, new enthusiasm, and new joy.

## **ADVENT: WALK IN THE LIGHT OF THE LORD**

A day to allow the light of Christ to renew our hope, and fill us with light for others

## **LENT: NEW HEART, NEW SPIRIT**

A day of reflection celebrating God's power to bring new life into our lives and world

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