From the Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

Do you long for a deeper appreciation of the beliefs, richness, and joy of our Catholic faith? To really understand the power of God's Word in our lives? To find ways to link our faith with our everyday life? I know I do, and so do many others.

Why Catholic? is a unique opportunity for our parish community to reclaim our Catholic identity and make our faith not only more meaningful, but truly alive! I am therefore, extremely pleased that we will be participating in *Why Catholic?*

Why Catholic? promises to be a very powerful means of growth for each of us individually, as well as for the parish as a community. I support this process wholeheartedly and look forward to participating in the small Christian communities. I hope you will join me on this spiritual journey in the footsteps of Jesus.

Father Thu

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How do I pray? • How do we celebrate the sacraments? How can I live a fuller Christian life? • How can I make the right decisions? • How can I share my faith with others?

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Why Catholic? helps you answer life's important questions by offering a faith-filled point of view

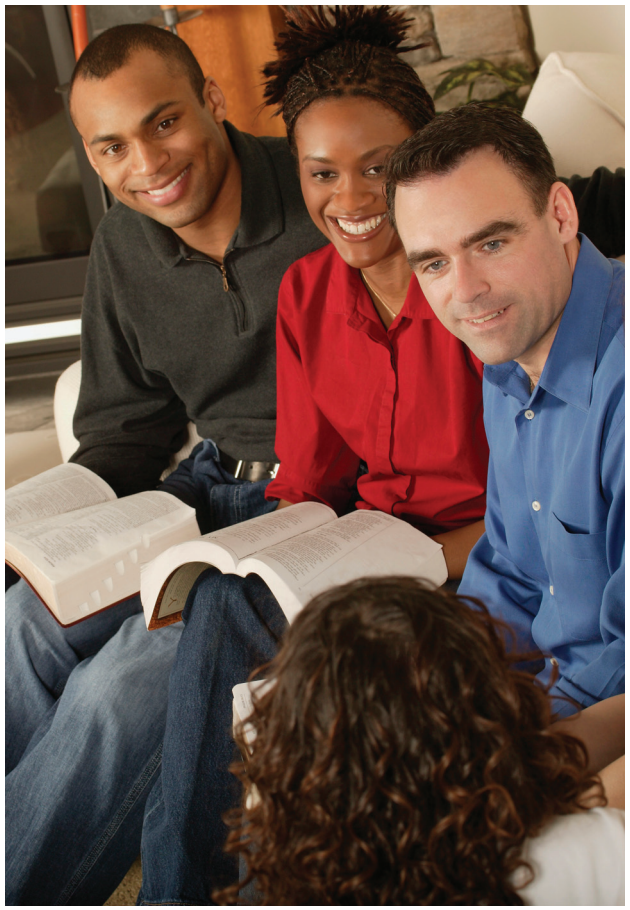
- reflection and sharing on Sacred Scripture and the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*
- themes on prayer, the Creed, sacraments, and Christian living
- resources that connect the faith themes and daily life
- companions on the journey as part of a small Christian community of 8-12 parishioners

Why Catholic? welcomes everyone

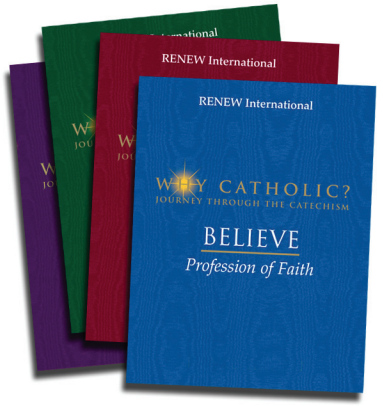
- parish-wide retreats and faith enrichment events
- bulletin inserts and handouts for family sharing

Why Catholic? is for you

- young or old, married or single
- catechist or parent teaching faith to children
- lifelong Catholic
- RCIA candidate or recent entrant to the Church
- someone seeking answers or new parish friendships



Join now to be part of this **total parish** faith experience!



Why people appreciate *Why Catholic?*

Understanding why the Church believes what it believes makes it easier for me to embrace my Catholic faith more fully.
Mary G., New York

Why Catholic? has allowed me to more easily answer questions my non-Catholic friends and relatives have about my faith.
Gordon D., Texas

My wife and I attended together, and Why Catholic? reaffirmed how our faith is the central bedrock of our relationship.
Michael R., North Carolina

The group process was great! I got to know several new people from the parish who were formerly strangers to me.
Betty L., Illinois