

## **Scripture: The Word of God in Faith, Theology, and Ministry**

### Adult Formation Opportunity

This adult formation opportunity is for those who are really serious about an indepth study and understanding of Scripture as it relates to their reading and praying of Scripture as accepted by the Roman Catholic Church. It is a commitment that will change their lives.

#### **Description:**

This adult formation opportunity provides a deeper look at the Scripture. Some topics it will cover include the following:

- Various types of writing in the Bible.
- Differences between our Bible and the Bible the Protestants use
- Translations of the Bible
- How our Catholic Bible came to be
- God of the Old Testament and relationship to the people
- Jesus in the New Testament
- Inspiration and Revelation
- The Catholic Church's way of interpreting the Scriptures

The process of Theological Reflection will be taught and practiced to help adults:

- integrate Scripture in their daily faith life, their job, their understanding of God in their lives
- look at issues in Scripture, reflect, and share how our culture, our church, our own history looks at these issues

The process of Lectio Divina (holy reading) will be taught and practiced to help adults:

- deepen the practice of praying with the Scripture
- know the difference between meditation and contemplation
- become aware of their response to God's call in their lives through praying the Scriptures

#### **Who will benefit?**

- Any parishioner who desires a deeper understanding of the Scripture
- Those who lead Bible Study Groups in parishes (a must for them to become stronger, more competent in this role)
- Catechists and religion teachers in the schools
- Adolescents and young adults

#### **Details:**

- Eight week study and prayer formation experience, once a week (2-hour sessions) from August 4 - September 26, 2008. This will not overlap with the Why Catholic groups.
- Qualified personnel teaching
- To keep the cost low, we will choose locations where there are 50 or more participants in an area who make a firm commitment
- Cost for the eight weeks will be \$50 (includes everything)
- Registration required - \$50 will need to accompany registration.