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“So that all parishes of this kind may be truly communities of Christians, local ecclesial authorities ought to foster...small, basic or so-called 'living' communities, where the faithful can communicate the word of God and express it in service and love to one another; these communities are true expressions of ecclesial communion and centers of evangelization, in communion with their pastors”

*Pope John Paul II, **The Lay Members of Christ's Faithful People***

NAFSCC Website

Go to NAFSCC.org to look at NAFSCC redesigned website. You will find informative ideas and thoughts on small Christian communities—resources, success stories, upcoming events.

You have an opportunity to post comments—ideas—questions on the website.

We look forward to hearing from you.

An Invitation to Share Your Stories

If you have success SCC stories, send them. If you have written articles or highlights on SCCs in your diocese or parish, send them. If you know of resources to share, send them. If you have questions on SCCs, send them.

We will post them on the NAFSCC E-Newsletter.

Send to Marci Blum OSF,
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Building Foundations: Sharing a Solid Faith
Tanya Stager
Archdiocese of Cincinnati

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati Small Christian Communities Formation Teams will provide a day of incites and discussion for parishes and persons involved in and interested in SCCs. The title for the March 19, 2011 day is *Building Foundations: Sharing a Solid Faith*. Father Anthony Krisak from the Paulist National Catholic Evangelization Association will be our keynote presenter. His main presentation entitled, "Share the Word," will discuss the changes in a Catholic Culture and how SCCs play a role in our churches today.

Workshops are planned concerning the viability of SCCs' in parishes, the value and importance of your story, the use of SCCs' with youth and young adult ministry, the significance of SCCs and Evangelization and doing prayer in small groups.

St. Luke Parish in Dayton, Ohio will be the host for this year's event. We choose a parish that demonstrates the meaning of SCCs' in the life of the parish. This Saturday, March 19 Formation Day will begin with registration at 8:30am and conclude at 2:30pm. An invitation is open to all who are interested in learning from the "pros" as well as dialoguing with others who are in Small Christian Communities.

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Happy New Year!

**May 2001 bring peace and all good
to you.**

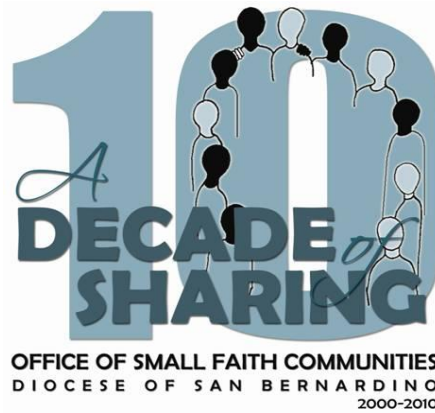
SAVE THE DATE

SCC Formation Day

**Sponsored by
The North American
Forum for Small
Christian Communities
(NAFSCC)
and the
Archdiocese of
Cincinnati
SCC Formation Team**

**Saturday, March 19,
2011
Cincinnati OH**

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Small Faith Office Celebrates a Decade of Sharing

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Diocese of San Bernardino

This coming January 29, 2011, the Office of Small Faith Communities is hosting a special anniversary celebration called *A Decade of Sharing, 2000-2010*. Sr. Terry Rickard, OP, the current President and Executive Director will give the keynote address during the dinner portion of the evening.. The celebration will be begin with a multi-lingual liturgy followed by an international themed meal.

Actually it has been more than ten years since Bishop Barnes, with the support of the Presbyteral Council, decided to bring RENEW 2000 to the Diocese of San Bernardino, CA as its Third Millennium project. First the diocese opened an Office of Renew in 1999. Then in 2002, with the closing of the RENEW 2000 process, the office was renamed the Office of Small Faith Communities with Sr. Susan DeGuide, RSM, the Renew Coordinator continuing as the first director.

Over the past decade, following the RENEW process, the Office has launched its own original lectionary based faith sharing materials and developed a cadre of workshops, courses , retreats and other events to support the continued growth of small communities at each of the 97 parishes in the diocese.



Bob Moriarty SM
Archdiocese of Hartford

The **Creation, Communion and the Universe Story** conference sponsored by the Pastoral Department for Small Christian Communities (Archdiocese of Hartford) this past November was received with deep appreciation by the many who participated. Set into a small church community process style, Mary Evelyn Tucker and John Grim, resident scholars at Yale University and founders of the Forum on Religion and Ecology did three presentations: 1.) The Evolutionary Vision of Teilhard de Chardin: Toward the Universe as Cosmic Body of Christ; 2.) The New Story of Thomas Berry: Communion at the Heart of the Universe; 3.) The Journey of the Universe: From the Beginning to the Earth Community. The upcoming issue of **Gatherings**, the department's periodic enrichment resource will feature condensed versions of two of the presentations. It will be accessible on line at www.sccquest.org.

Resources

Lenten Resources

Lenten lectionary resource, *Disciples on the Journey 2011*, from the Diocese of Victoria, Texas. See attachment brochures in pdf.

Sr. Donna Ciangio, O.P. & Fr. Tom Iwanowski: *Open Our Hearts: Exploring the Spiritual Riches of Lent. Six lectionary-based faith sharing sessions in 2011.* Published by Ave Maria Press.

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