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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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Small Church Communities Formation Day Archdiocese of Cincinnati

Small Church Communities Formation Day is Saturday March 19, 2011. "Building Foundations Sharing A Solid Faith" is the topic for this day. Father Anthony Krisak will be the presenter. Father Krisak is a priest of the Diocese of Trenton and serves as director of internet services for Paulist Evangelization Ministries in Washington, DC.

He will explore how small groups share in the mission of evangelization with a spirituality grounded in discipleship. How do small groups engender a faith that is lived in all dimensions of life? He will look at the characteristics of small groups and address the importance of being rooted in God's Word, personal conversion, prayer, the larger community, and service.

The effort for the day is to be both practical and hands-on. How do small communities share faith and pray together as well as how to start and maintain viable SCC's in your parish will be among the workshops. Other workshops will cover working with young adults and youth and how your story reflects the Gospel story.

This formation day will be held at St. Luke Catholic Church, 1440 North Fairfield Road, Dayton OH 45432. The time is 8:30am to 2:30pm and the cost is \$40 per person or \$35 per person with three or more from the same parish. For more information and registration,

<http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/02/SCCFFormationDay.pdf>

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In Lent



SCC Formation Day

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Cincinnati
SCC Formation Team**

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

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The winter edition of **Gatherings**, the periodic enrichment resource of The Pastoral Department for Small Christian Communities (Archdiocese of Hartford), is now available on-line at the department's website: www.sccquest.org. This special 16 page edition features the two principal presentations from the fall conference, *Creation, Communion and the Universe Story*:

1. **Toward the Universe as Cosmic Body of Christ: *The Evolutionary Vision of Teilhard de Chardin***
2. **The New Story of Thomas Berry: *Communion at the Heart of the Universe***

The presenters for the conference were Yale University scholars in residence, Mary Evelyn Tucker and John Grim. They are also the co-founders of the *Forum on Religion and Ecology*.

In return for shipping and handling, a limited number of hardcopies of this edition of **Gatherings** are still available to NAFCCC members: (860 761-7450; info@sccquest.org.)

Resources

Lifting Up Our Hearts

With the introduction of the *Third Edition of the Roman Missal* this Advent, we are given a special opportunity to deepen our appreciation for the liturgy. RENEW International, well known for its small Christian community offerings, uses the SCC model as an effective way to help parishioners welcome the changes to the people's parts of the Mass. *Lifting Up Our Hearts: Praying with the Third Edition of the Roman Missal* is a six-session small group faith-sharing process which results in parishioners experiencing more full, conscious, and active participation in the liturgy. This resource emphasizes the role of the assembly and deepens parishioners' insights into the Mass' significance in their lives. Liturgy committees, extraordinary ministers of holy Communion, lectors and catechists will all find *Lifting Up Our Hearts* a valuable way to explore the new Missal.

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