

Dear Friends in Christ,

Our diocese, along with the Archdiocese of Chicago and the Diocese of Joliet are participating in the *Catholics Come Home* program. Our desire is to invite Catholics who have become disconnected back into the life of the Church. If these words describe your relationship with the Church, we welcome you. For various reasons, Catholics who were once involved in the Church have fallen away. On behalf of our parish and the whole Church, I would like to invite you back home. As we all know, the Church is populated with imperfect people. But at the heart of the Church is the person of Jesus Christ who said He would be with us until the end of time. Please give some prayerful consideration to this invitation.



For those who would like to return, here are some ways to do so:

- Please feel free to start attending Mass again.
- We will be offering a six week program called “Catholics Returning Home”. The program is meant to help participants ease back into the Church. This is especially helpful for those who have issues with the Church or want to update their knowledge about our beliefs. Helping with the program will be other parishioners who have also returned to the Catholic faith. The schedule for these sessions is given below. For more information on these call the parish office at 847-426-2217.
- You may have faith struggles, marriage issues, or spiritual questions. If so, please contact Deacon Bill Whitehead at 847-426-2217, ext 231 or bwhitehead@stcatherinechurch.com.
- If your children need sacrament preparation or religious instruction, contact Roberta Bellock at 847-426-4712.
- If you would like to talk to a priest, feel free to contact me at 847-426-2217.

Our prayer is that God’s grace may touch the hearts of many through the Catholic Come Home program. May our Catholic Church reflect the compassion of Christ through this outreach.

Monsignor Doherty

“Catholics Returning Home”
sessions (7-8:30 PM)

- Feb 1: Overview: “Why Am I here?”
- Feb 8: Sharing Stories of Faith
- Feb 15: The Church Today
- Feb 22: Explanation of the Mass
- Mar 1: Explanation of Confession
- Mar 8: What do Catholics Believe?



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