

# Longing for the Holy

## ***Why Would Parishioners Sign Up?***

**To know God better.** Learn more about God, talk more freely about their faith, and hear how God has impacted other peoples' lives.

**To grow spiritually.** See more clearly how the Holy Spirit has touched their lives and become more willing to ask for the Spirit's guidance.

**To meet new people.** Praying and reading the Bible with others brings people closer. New relationships are formed and deepened.

**To talk about God.** Society and daily pressures offer little opportunity for us to pause and reflect on our spiritual life. Small communities provide the time and support for reflection.

**To improve themselves.** Wherever we are in our relationship with Christ, there is always room for improvement. Being in a small community offers this opportunity.

**To put faith into action.** Baptism calls us to reach out to others, to help improve the quality of life for all. Small communities assist us in identifying ways to respond to others' needs. These communities support outreach.

**To change the way they see the world.** Small communities enable people to view the world and all in it with the eyes of Christ. Participants become more attuned to the needs, issues, and problems of others.

**To improve relationships.** Being in a small community impacts our relationships with more understanding, tolerance, patience, and love.

**To experience different prayer styles.** The Catholic Church has a rich variety of prayer methods. It is a gift to experience many ways of communicating with God.

**To be rejuvenated.** Bringing the daily worries, cares, and frustrations into an atmosphere of prayer, reflection, and faith sharing can bring new life to our everyday world.