



Amador Catholic Community

Small Christian Communities (SCC)

“Small church communities are not isolated self-contained ends in themselves. They are called to be rooted in the parish as living cells of the larger body of Christ, strengthening and building up that body of Christ for its evangelizing mission in the world. Small church communities are not merely devotional groups or groups focused simply on individual needs. Small church communities can not be one-dimensional. They are called to activate the four dimensions of **word, community, worship and witness**”

(<http://www.sccquest.org/vision/index.html>)

The Faith in Action series was such a great success, I encourage all parishioners to continue to gather in small groups by participating in Small Christian Communities.

Fr. Tom

Mission of Small Christian Communities:

To promote and support small church communities and the doing of every parish activity in a reflective and relational way for the sake of building parishes where people regularly help each other to connect life and faith.

All NEW BOOK SERIES FROM QUEST: (www.sccquest.org)

Summer Reflections 2009 (Cycle B) covers the 16 weeks from May 31, 2009 - September 13, 2009. Each weekly unit (*you don't have to meet weekly*) offers the elements for a complete small community session:

Suggestions for creating a reflective environment.

Opening and closing prayers.

Commentary on the Sunday lectionary readings

Faith sharing question

Example from Fall Reflections book:

When might you have felt that you were of no interest to others?

What draws you to God?

Experience-based faith sharing questions.

Examples from Fall Reflections book:

When has someone's generosity overwhelmed you?

How do you view people who are unemployed?

Ideas for individual and group response action

Examples from Fall Reflections book:

Learn now about the Food Stamp Project. Participants agree to spend only \$4.00 a day the daily allotment of food stamps) for a specific period of time.

Be deliberate about meeting someone new in your parish this week.

Go Green in your home by turning off water when brushing your teeth, turning off lights...

Booklet cost: \$ 6.00 (Money can be collected at first meeting)

Start date: week of June 15th (or your earliest convenience)

Three ways to become part of a SCC:

Print out and fill out the last page of this form and drop it in a collection basket at any mass at any of the churches or mail to:

P.O. Box 127 Sutter Creek, Ca 95685

E-mail the information requested on back to: SCC@suttercreekparish.com

Call Lisa Hall at 916-296-7121.

Please leave a message if I don't answer

Individual: Father Tom will order a book for you and someone will contact you about a group that fits your day/time request.

Group: If you have a "group" from the Faith in Action series or other prayer groups, you can keep your group. Just nominate someone to fill out the back of this pamphlet and drop it in the collections basket and Father Tom will order books for your whole group.

Some suggestions for groups:

You don't have to keep the same day/time as your FIA or other group.

You can also choose to meet every week, every other week, or once a month (the booklets are written for every week, but how often you meet is up to your group)

You may also want to rotate home hosts or facilitators.

You may consider having each group member take turns serving as home host and facilitator. Some groups have the home host for that week/session also act as facilitator. This gives members weeks off to just show up.

The books have instructions and weekly suggestions for home hosts/facilitators.

You do not have to strictly follow the booklets. These are individual small communities, you can add material or scriptures to read

**Please fill out this form soon and drop it in
the collections basket or send to:
P.O. Box 127 Sutter Creek, Ca 95685
We will contact you about books or a group to join**

Individual/s:

Name/s _____ / _____

Phone _____

Best day/s _____ Best Time/s _____

I would like to meet _____ times/mth

Parish/Area you would like to join a group

We already have a group and would like books. (write info. below)

Please contact _____

At _____

Parish/Area of group _____

Number of current members _____

We can add _____ new members

We are meeting _____ times a month
on _____ (day) at _____

We are unsure of day/time yet

**I cannot participate this summer, but am interested in joining a
group in the Fall**

I would like more information

Name _____ Phone _____

Parish/Area you would like to join a group
