

## A small Christian Community:

- Is a place to enhance one's personal spirituality.
- Is a safe place to discuss sensitive issues and receive prayer regarding them.
- Is a support system in times of trial and crises.
- Is an extended family of sisters and brothers-in-Christ.
- Provides a sense of community and belonging.
- Provides prayer support for the family, the parish and the community.
- Is an example of Christian life.
- Contributes to the parish family.
- Connects future generations.
- Can serve as Christ's hands and feet in a hurting world.

Small Christian communities (SCCs) are gatherings of Christians who come together regularly to pray, to share their human stories and their faith with one another, to read the scriptures together, and to seek ways to respond to God's presence in their lives and in the world. They often meet in one another's homes. There may be five or six people, or ten or twelve, and the types of people who belong reflect the wider body of God's people – parents, children, singles, grandparents, teenagers, working, retired, priests, deacons, religious – in short, "the body of Christ." The members get to know one another personally and offer support to one another.

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

### How long will each SCC continue?

Each SCC will continue as long as its members want to meet. Many members of SCCs have discovered the benefits of being part of a small Christian community and they have continued year after year.

### Will it cost anything to participate?

There is no cost to join a SCC although from time-to-time there may be a nominal fee for study materials.

### How long can I participate in a SCC?

This is entirely up to each individual. You may find that your schedule only allows you to participate during a six or eight-week session, or you may find that you want to continue indefinitely.

### Where will meetings be held?

SCCs often meet in the homes of the members and may rotate the meeting location between the member's homes or they may choose one home to meet in each week. The location where you meet is not as important as the fact that you do meet and SCCs have been known to meet in offices, libraries, restaurants, book stores and coffee shops.

## FAQs (continued)

### I'm a member of an existing group. How does my group fit into the SCC Ministry?

We recognize that there are several small Christian communities who contribute to the spiritual vitality of the parish. We want to support these groups and offer materials and resources to any group that wishes to take advantage of them.



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**If you're interested in joining a Small Christian Community please complete the following, cut it out, and return it to the church office or drop it into the collection basket during Mass.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

email address \_\_\_\_\_

Best day of the week to meet \_\_\_\_\_

Best time to meet (am/pm) \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in:

being a SCC facilitator: Y \_\_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_\_

hosting a SCC in my home Y \_\_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_\_

## SCC's exist:

- For mutual support
- For on-going learning and formation in faith
- For reflection on scripture and church teaching and discernment of gospel responses appropriate to the concrete situations of life
- For encouragement and accountability of action on behalf of the gospel
- For prayer and worship

## Ministry Overview

The SCC Ministry is led by a group of St. Raymond parishioners who form the SCC Core team. The Core Team is responsible for:

- Coordination with the Diocese in providing materials for two six or eight week seasons per year (Fall, and Lent).
- Providing communication and assistance to SCCs regarding new members, changes in membership, and available service projects.
- Hosting regular celebration meetings of SCCs.
- Offering facilitator training to those who desire it.

## For more information on St. Raymond Small Christian Communities

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St. Raymond Church