

# Developing News

SAINT JOHN VIANNEY ADULT FORMATION

The mind  
that be-  
lieves is  
led by a  
heart that  
loves!

St. Anselm of  
Canterbury

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**THE LATEST DEVELOPMENT**

Welcome to Developing News, a newsletter designed to enlighten, inspire and entertain our developing minds!

As adult Christians we are well aware that we are never "quite done." Our formation continues throughout our lifetime paralleling our continuing conversion. Conversion is not a seasonal occurrence rather, it is the hallmark of lives lived in the awareness of God in our midst. In and out of season there is always something we can do to better reflect our identity as Catholic Christians.

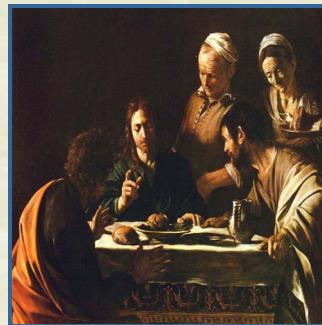
What have you done recently to further develop your spirituality, your discipleship? There are numerous ministries in the parish of Saint John Vianney

that offer the opportunity to deepen our knowledge of our faith and tradition. There are also a variety of avenues that invite us to develop our discipleship. How blessed we are to have such roads to holiness!

As the calendar year winds down and a new year winks from the horizon we might be contemplating resolutions for the coming year. Why not include a resolve to renewing your baptismal commitment?

A commitment made perhaps by someone else on your behalf but one nonetheless that has marked you as belonging to Christ.

It is our hope that Developing News will assist in developing you!



**Caravaggio's Emmaus**


**DEVELOPING DISCIPLES**

The Legacy Series, a continuing Christian education program for adults, continues to increase its participants. The segments on the Old and New Testaments, presented September through November, proved to be well appreciated. The 9:30 am session was so

enthralled by their study of the New Testament that they asked to continue two weeks past the scheduled concluding date! The series resumes in January with Church History, presented over the course of 6 weeks. This will be followed with a seven week exploration

of each of the sacraments. The instructors for the series are Yvonne Gill, Mike Hansel, Jean and Mike Grogan and Sandy Steffes.

There is no fee for these courses. To pre-register contact the office of Adult Formation.

# *Return Renew Rejoice!*

Parish Mission  
January 11—14, 2010

Led by Redemptorist Priests, Fr. Arturo Uribe and Fr. Tony Judge

Each morning following the 9am Mass  
Each evening following the 7pm. Mass

Refreshments immediately following each session

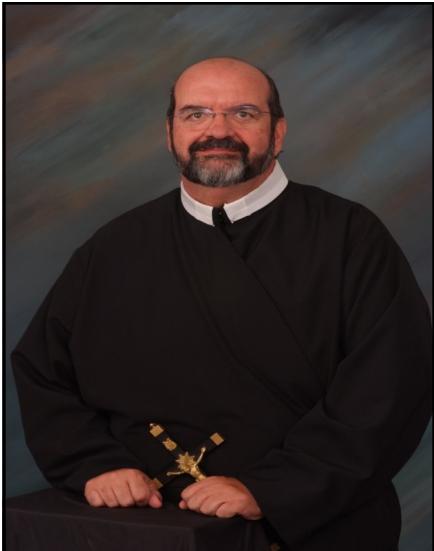
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| Monday:    | God's Plan of Salvation and Our Response  |
| Tuesday:   | Who is Jesus to Us?   |
| Wednesday: | Sin, Reconciliation and Healing<br>(Confessions will be heard after the presentation)       |
| Thursday:  | Jesus, Nourishment For The Journey of Faith;<br>Our Mission to Share In His Continuing Work |

Childcare is available each evening  
Monitored study room for children in grades 1-5.  
Please call 281.497.6665 for reservations



### **Fr. Jose Arturo Uribe, CSSR**

Fr. Arturo was born in Irapuato Guanajuato, Mexico. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1995. Fr. Arturo preaches parish missions throughout the United States in both English and Spanish. He has served as Pastor of St. Mary the Assumption Parish in Whittier California for six years.



### **Fr. Tony Judge, CSSR**

Fr. Tony was born and raised in St. Louis, MO. He was ordained a priest in 1979. In September of 1980, Fr. Tony travelled to Amazonas, Brazil where he served as a missionary for ten years. Upon his return to the United States he served as associate, then Pastor, in Denver, Co.

Parish Missions began in the eighteenth century. Saint Alphonsus Liguori, a priest of the diocese of Naples, worked tirelessly to develop them in Europe. The Redemptorist Order brought them to America one hundred years later.

A parish mission centers on the Word of God and on Catholic teaching and practice. It offers us the opportunity to take some time to look at our life, our values and direction. It encourages us to ask: “What is really important to me? What am I doing with my life? Where does God fit into my life? What does my faith, my Church, my parish, mean to me?”

In a parish mission our faith is awakened as we experience anew the passion and fervor of our faith as expressed through sacrament, story and song. Let us Return, Renew, and Rejoice so that we may see with new eyes, hear with our hearts and believe by our living!

## LOOKING AHEAD

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### The Legacy Series: Church History,

Sunday mornings beginning Jan. 24; 9:30am or 11am.

### Theology of the Body; 7-9pm

8 consecutive Tuesday evenings beginning Jan. 19.

### The Gospel of Luke:

Monday mornings 9:45–10:45 and

Tuesday evenings, 7:30–8:30pm

### Little Rock Scripture Studies:

#### The Book of Hebrews: Seven Sunday mornings,

11am–12 noon beginning Jan. 17.

#### The Book of Isaiah, Thirteen Tuesday mornings,

9:30am–11:30am, beginning Jan. 19.

#### Denver Bible Study: The Acts of the Apostles,

Monday evenings, 7:30pm beginning Jan. 18.

#### Re-Membering Church, Welcoming back Catholics who

have been away from the Church. Six Tuesday evenings, beginning Jan. 19, 7-8:15pm.

### B E F O R E   W E   G O . . .

It is with hopeful resolution that I introduce and offer this quarterly newsletter. With a parish of any size one must utilize an array of mediums to convey, communicate and connect. The goal of course is not simply to convey news and information but primarily to connect people!

On the parish Adult Formation web page and on the cover of this newsletter is the artist Caravaggio's *Emmaus*, illustrating the famous passage from Luke's gospel (Lk 24:13-35). While all the gospels reveal how Jesus communicated the Good News we find in the familiar story of Emmaus, the model for Adult Formation.

After Jesus' departure from the two disciples on the road to Emmaus they ask: "Did not our hearts burn within us as he

talked to us on the road?" Why were their hearts burning? They were burning because in, with and through Jesus, the disciples caught a glimpse into the heart of God and found their world made new. They saw for an instant the scope of the Father's loving plan and its culmination in Christ's death and resurrection. With that new perspective, the pathway of their lives was transformed from confusion and despair into conviction and hope, and they began to grasp the height and depth of God's mysterious love. What a profound learning experience that must have been!

The Emmaus story shows the need we all have for ongoing formation in faith. In the passage we see two adult disci-

ples who, after encountering and listening to the risen Lord, grow strong in love, knowledge, commitment and zeal. Just as the two disciples felt their hearts burn within them and returned in haste to Jerusalem to share their broadened understanding of Jesus, so too may we seek to fan the flame that was first ignited in our baptism and return to our homes, our jobs, our schools, our relationships with renewed gratitude and awareness for blessings—big and small -received each day.

Like all living things, a living faith needs nourishment. Nourishment found in the Word of God, the sacramental Body and Blood of Jesus and in His Body, the Church.

Your developing news is always welcome! Send questions, comments, and news to:

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Detailed information on all Adult Formation programs is available on the parish website: [www.stjohnvianney.org](http://www.stjohnvianney.org)