

## **Christ Renews His Parish**

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### Description

WHAT IT IS: Christ Renews His Parish is an effective spiritual renewal process which calls together the members of the parish – priests, religious, laity – in order to experience personal conversion and Christian community in the environment of their own parish. The secret of the “what” is its simplicity. In the context of the personal rebirth and parish revitalization it is:

Evangelization	A simple gospel method of renewal and/or conversion
New Rite of Penance	A conducive environment and favorable teaching moment for repentance
Catechesis	A proven experiential way of enlivening and strengthening faith
Rite of Adult Initiation	A needed opportunity to experience a supportive faith community
Spiritual Formation	A specific and proven period for personal growth in prayer, scripture, and sharing
Shared Ministry	A non-threatening vehicle for sharing priesthood
Lay Ministry	A motivating and practical instrument for introducing ministry formation
Christian Community Building	A powerful catalyst for on-going communal and parish renewal

WHO DOES IT: A team of parishioners and a parish priest properly formed in prayer and love and instructed in the techniques, dynamics and content of the total process. The team formation period in itself becomes an effective followup for each weekend experience and brings the participants immediately into a group committed to spiritual growth and ministerial formation. The secret of the who is that you can't rent a priest or a team of experts. You have to do it yourself. Shared responsibility flows most effectively out of shared ministry.

### WHAT IT DOES:

- Brings together priest and people in a very casual but effective Christian atmosphere of sharing and dialogue.
- Reconciles the individual with the Lord through personal repentance and conversion.
- Activates a Christian community with hope of continuation using effective growth methods.
- Stimulates on-going study, prayer, and service groups.
- Motivates to parochial involvement in parish ministries.
- Heals the wounds between various factions and spiritualities.
- Communicates fundamental truths of faith experientially.
- Affords tradition-oriented parishioners a comfortable course in change.
- Liberates pastoral leadership for Gospel ministry of shared priesthood.
- Allows everyone to focus on what unites us – not what separates us.
- Involves the group in various prayer forms.
- Exposes the parish to effectiveness of shared ministry.
- Invites Jesus to be at the center of a Spirit-filled community.
- AND MUCH MORE! If you would like to learn more about CRHP, please contact Rita Kattner, Executive Director, at 312-751-8364.