

# WHY CATHOLIC?

## JOURNEY THROUGH THE CATECHISM

**St. Joseph Church and School– Red Lake Falls and Brooks, MN**

### **Introduces the Why Catholic? Program**

**RENEW International and the Diocese of Crookston presents *Why Catholic? Journey through the Catechism*. Solidly based on the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, *Why Catholic?* is a unique adult faith formation program that is supported by leader formation, rich resources, and ongoing pastoral support.**

**The program will begin in our parishes in the winter of 2007 and end in 2010.**

***Why Catholic?* offers a concrete approach to help adults deepen their Catholic faith and connect its teachings to their everyday lives. With its thorough exploration of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, this process encourages learning in a prayerful small community setting. The faith-sharing materials offer sessions on Catholic beliefs, sacraments, morality, and prayer, with direct *Catechism* quotes, scriptural references, and reflection questions.**

***Why Catholic?* offers a total parish experience and will be offered in our parishes in an intergenerational faith setting over the next 4 years in our parishes.**

***Why Catholic?* fosters the goals of [\*Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us\*](#), the landmark U.S. Bishops' pastoral plan for adult faith formation.**



### Year I 2006-2007

#### The Profession of Faith– What We Believe– focuses on the great mysteries of our faith

- February 28, 2007– God’s Revelation; Tradition and Scripture
- March 7, 2007– The Trinity
- March 14, 2007– The Public Life of Jesus
- March 21, 2007– The Paschal Mystery; Jesus’ Death and Resurrection
- March 28, 2007– One Church with Diverse Roles
- April 21, 2007– Why Catholic? Retreat/Rally TBA (Diocesan Activity)
- November 1, 2007– We Believe in Life Everlasting
- December 5, 2007– The Incarnation

### Year II 2007-2008

#### The Celebration of the Christian Mystery– Sacraments– the emphasis is on celebrating our faith in sacramental liturgy.

- February 13, 2008– God Acts Through the Liturgy
- February 15, 2008– Matrimony-A Sacrament at the Service of Communion
- February 20, 2008– Celebrating the Liturgy
- February 27, 2008– God Acts Through the Sacraments
- March 5, 2008– Baptism, A Sacrament of Initiation
- March 12, 2008– Holy Orders, A Sacrament of the Service of Communion
- November 1, 2008– The Anointing of the Sick, A Sacrament of Healing

### Year III 2008-2009

#### Life In Christ– Walking with God– helps to explain the moral teachings of the Catholic Faith.

- March 4, 2009– Freedom and Responsibility of Human Acts
- March 11, 2009– Conscience
- March 18, 2009– Sin, Mercy and Moral Solidarity
- March 25, 2009- Moral Law, Grace and the Church
- April 1, 2009– Safeguarding Life and Truth

### Year IV 2009-2010

#### Christian Prayer– Deepening My Experience of God– looks more deeply at our relationship with God and how we nurture that relationship in prayer.

- February 24, 2010– Prayer in the Old Testament
- March 3, 2010– Forms of Prayer
- March 10, 2010– Guides for Prayer
- March 17, 2010– Difficulties in Prayer
- March 24, 2010– The Lord’s Prayer