

PARABLE OF THE LOST SHEEP

The tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. **2** But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." **3** Then Jesus told them this parable: **4** "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? **5** And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders **6** and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' **7** I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

~ Luke 15:1-10



IF YOU CHOOSE
TO LEAVE
GOD WILL
LET YOU,
IF YOU CHOOSE
TO RETURN
HE WILL BE
HERE FOR YOU.

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."

~ Matthew 7: 7-8



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INVITING CATHOLICS HOME

A **MINISTRY**
OF ST BRENDAN
CATHOLIC CHURCH

REVERSION: Return & Renew

STEP BACK INTO YOUR FAITH!



YOU ARE NOT ALONE

Many Catholics fall away from the church or just stop attending. And yet something happens in life that draws them back; a need to understand the deeper meaning of life, a desire to know Christ with an adult's faith, or a loss that makes us reach out for Jesus in a way we never have before.

Frankly, many non-practicing Catholics have a hard time coming back to church simply because they have no idea how or where to start. They may have many questions and even some serious issues they need assistance with before they begin to make their return home.

Inviting Catholics Home is a ministry developed to both invite inactive catechized Catholics back to their faith and support them as they become involved again in our faith and in the Church.

We hope you accept this as your invitation to rediscover the truth, wonder and mystery of the Catholic faith. We've missed you, God misses you, and the Church is not the same without you. As your brothers and sisters in our worldwide Catholic family, we want you back... **God wants you back!**

Contact the Inviting Catholics Home ministry if you:

- Left the Church in pain caused by someone in or associated with the Church
- Feel you have done something to separate yourself from the Church community
- Married outside the Church
- Attend Mass only at Christmas or Easter
- Have not been to confession in a long time
- Have questions about the Eucharist or faith

You name it, we can help!

GET ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS

Inviting Catholics Home ministry provides:

- Contact with a group of active parishioners interested helping you feel welcome.
- Resources and contacts to answer all your questions and help with any issues.
- Updates and direction regarding the Catholic Mass and Sacraments, changes in the Church, basic Catholic beliefs, and other faith topics.

Inviting Catholics Home is here to help you begin or continue your faith journey, so you can find true peace, happiness and purpose in this life. All you need to do is take that next step.

INVITING CATHOLICS HOME

Regardless of why you left or got out of the habit of going to Mass, you can always come home – back to practicing the Sacraments and the fullness of relationship with Jesus Christ and the Church He founded. If you feel God calling you back but don't know what to do next, visit Inviting Catholics Home web page at www.stbrendans.net/inviting-catholics-home, e-mail jlwalsh1@gmail.com or call the parish office at **614-876-1272**.



"I was away from the Catholic Church for 33 years. Despite attending other Christian churches over those years, I always felt that something was missing. My involvement in the Inviting Catholics Home Program helped me to make the transition back to full participation in the Church, and back to what was missing... The Eucharist!"

~ LINDA

