

Dear Parishioners of St. John's,

Do you feel something tugging at your heart, leading you to consider new ways of nourishing your faith? Is your spiritual life burdened by routine, and are you feeling as well that the hectic demands of life are preventing you from connecting with others? Chances are you are not alone in feeling that something in your life needs to change.

I believe that a wonderful process created by RENEW International provides an answer to these needs. Encouraged by Bishop Mark, Together in Christ offers a unique opportunity for each of us, individually, and as a parish community, to begin a faith journey that can deepen our relationship with God and each other.

Because Deacon Gene and I believe so strongly in the value of ARISE, we are delighted that our parish has the opportunity to participate in the process. You will be receiving an invitation to sign up for a small faith-sharing group which will meet for 90 minutes each week for six weeks beginning in October.

It is my sincere hope that you will respond positively to this invitation and join us as we journey toward spiritual growth and new life in our parish community. I support this process wholeheartedly and look forward to participating in the small Christian communities that form the heart of ARISE.

Let's make this journey together!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Msgr. Becker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.