

# Catholics Returning Home

## April 28-June 2, 2019

**Sunday, April 28, 2019** Welcome, "Our Stories" Q&A Discussion 6:30 PM 7:30 PM

Everyone gathers at St. John Hall in the youth room upstairs to discuss what brought them to this point and what they expect to understand through the CRH process. We will take some time to "tell our stories" and get to know each other in a comfortable setting. We will hand out Bibles and Catechisms for those who are new to St. John. This is also a great time for questions and answers on nearly any topic that you may want to discuss.

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**Sunday, May 05, 2019** "Kerygma" Q&A Discussion 6:30 PM 8:00 PM

What is the Kerygma? It is the beginning of any teaching or evangelizing that we, as Catholics, should focus on. The kerygma is simply the very heart of the gospel, the core message of the Christian faith that all believers are called to proclaim. The kerygma leads us to catechesis.

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**Sunday, May 12, 2019** Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues Video 6:30 PM 8:00 PM

Bishop Robert Barron presents the seven deadly sins, those great spiritual blocks that inhibit our flourishing in relationship with God and one another. Based on Dante's writings, the seven deadly sins correspond to the seven stories of Dante's Mt. Purgatory. Pride, envy, anger, sloth, gluttony, avarice and lust are all presented as patterns of dysfunction within us that lead to unhappiness. Bishop Barron shows us how to counteract these seven sinful patterns through a conscious process of opposition, known as the "seven lively virtues." These offer antidotes to each sin and help set us on the right path to healing and happiness.

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**Sunday, May 19, 2019** Reconciliation Q&A Discussion 6:30 PM 8:00 PM

Now that we understand sin and how to counteract its' effects, how do we reconcile with God? We will discuss what reconciliation does for us, how we examine our conscience to determine what we should confess, and what absolution means in the long run.

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**Sunday, May 26, 2019** The Eucharist Q&A Discussion 6:30 PM 8:00 PM

So, we have confessed our sins to God and now we desire to share our lives more intimately with him. We will discuss how the Eucharist is our pathway to a very personal relationship with God. What does it mean to commune with God at the physical level? What is really happening as we consume our Lord Jesus Christ during the Mass? The Eucharist offered in the Mass is the source and summit of our faith.

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**Sunday, June 02, 2019** Teaching Mass Video 6:00 PM 8:00 PM

Tonight's class is longer but is well worth every minute. A Roman Catholic Teaching Mass: Have you ever wondered what Catholics do when they are at Mass? Have you ever wondered what the different signs, symbols, and postures mean and where they come from? Join Father Michael Schmitz from the UMD Newman Center as he slows down the Catholic Mass and explains the signs and symbols, as well as the Catholic understanding of the Eucharist as Jesus describes it in the Gospel of John.