Awakening Faith
An Evangelization-Based Program for the Diocese of Green Bay

If you are interested in offering a specific outreach opportunity for inactive Catholics, consider utilizing Awakening Faith: Reconnecting with Your Faith which was developed by the Paulist National Catholic Evangelization Association (PNCEA). Awakening Faith is a small group process that helps inactive Catholics return to the Church and includes topics such as “Can Mass Make My Life Meaningful” and “Can I Accept God’s Mercy.”

Although Awakening Faith was designed to be offered over six sessions with four additional optional sessions, we recommend that your parish consider adapting the program to be offered as one or more single night sessions or as a four- or five-week program as follows:

- **Single sessions** could be offered on one or more of the following topics: Faith in Today’s World (which is Topic 7 in Awakening Faith); Marriage, Divorce and Annulment (Topic 9 in Awakening Faith); or Money and the Treadmill of Life (Topic 10 in Awakening Faith)
- **A Four week program** could be offered utilizing the following session topics: Spirituality: What’s the Buzz? (Topic 1 in Awakening Faith); Who is Jesus? (Topic 2 in Awakening Faith); Can I Accept God’s Mercy? (Topic 4 in Awakening Faith); and Can Mass Make my Life Meaningful (Topic 5 in Awakening Faith)
- **A Five week program** could be offered that utilized the four weeks mentioned above plus The Church and Me (Topic 6 in Awakening Faith)

Materials available to you and your parish if you adopt Awakening Faith:

- The Parish Manual with CD contains tools that help a parish implement Awakening Faith, ranging from ideas on how to invite, evaluate and follow-up with the program to sample flyers, letters and newspaper advertisements. (Cost $39.95)
- The Group Leader Guide contains step-by-step instructions to help leaders prepare and offer each of the individual sessions. (Cost $15.95)
- The Participant Booklet contains material for each of the ten sessions, designed such that participants have no “homework” in-between sessions. (Cost $9.95 per booklet)
- The Paulist National Catholic Evangelization Association website, [www.pncea.org](http://www.pncea.org) offers additional resources on effective evangelization efforts for inactive Catholics.
- The Director of Evangelization and Spirituality from the Diocese of Green Bay is available for training and support and can help you with any questions you have as you utilize this program.
- Materials for Awakening Faith are available in Spanish as well as English, making them useful for your entire parish.

Examination copies of the Participant Booklet, Group Leader Guide and/or the Parish Manual with CD are available by contacting Kristina DeNeve at [kdeneve@gbdioc.org](mailto:kdeneve@gbdioc.org) or 920-272-8304.

Resources can be ordered through the Paulist National Catholic Evangelization Association, available online at [http://www.pncea.org/store](http://www.pncea.org/store) or by calling 800-237-5515

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