



Mission

Our Lady Queen of Angels Small Faith Groups Ministry provides an intimate setting where individuals learn to more deeply connect faith to life by reflecting on our shared experiences and the Word of God. By engaging in prayer and fellowship, exploring the Sunday Gospel readings and reaching out to the larger parish community, members enrich their understanding of the Catholic faith and deepen their communion with Jesus Christ.



What is a Small Faith Group? Six to twelve people meet weekly in a small group forum to read and reflect upon the upcoming Sunday Gospel reading.

What do you do in a Small Faith Group?

1. Welcoming/Fellowship
2. Opening Prayer
3. Read the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday Mass and the reflection in the PrayerTime book.
4. Share each other's thoughts, insights, personal experiences regarding the scripture passage.
5. Share praises and prayer requests and pray for these intentions
6. Read Pastor's letter and any other highlights and important events from the weekly parish bulletin.
7. Marian Prayer (Magnificat, Hail Mary, Salve Regina, etc.)

What books do we need?

1. The New American Bible
2. The PrayerTime book from Renew (your facilitator will provide you with one. Cost: \$15)
3. *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* (available at most bookstores...an indispensable resource!)

How long is the commitment?

Typically each group will meet for a 10-15 week session in the fall and another in the spring with breaks just before lent and during the summer.

How do I join a group?

Fill out the attached form and mail it to OLQA or drop at the front desk of the parish center. A member from the Small Faith Groups Core Team will be in contact with you.

Choose your preferred group composition:

- Couples Singles Women only Men only Single moms Parents of teens
- Parents of young children SRE Parents OLQA School Parent
- No preference Other _____
- I already know of a group I would like to join. Facilitator's name: _____
- Please try to put me in a group that meets in this neighborhood (location) _____

I am willing to lead a small group as a facilitator. (Two 2-hr. training sessions required)

I am willing to host a small group in my home.



**Our Lady Queen of Angles Church
Small Faith Groups Ministry**

Our Lady Queen of Angles

Name _____

Address _____

Phone number (____) _____

Phone number (____) _____

Email address _____

All information will be kept confidential and is strictly for grouping purposes.

Please detach and return this form to:
Our Lady Queen of Angles Church Small Faith Groups Ministry
 2046 Mar Vista Drive
 Newport Beach, CA 92660

Day/Time to attend faith group meeting
 (Indicate 1st and 2nd preference in open squares)

| Day | Morning | Afternoon | Evening |
|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|
| Sunday | | | |
| Monday | X | X | |
| Tuesday | X | | |
| Wednesday | | | |
| Thursday | | | |
| Friday | X | X | X |
| Saturday | X | X | X |

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Guiding Principles

Unique stories Each person is led by God on his or her personal spiritual journey. We can find power in the “unity of diversity”.

Faith Sharing Faith sharing refers to shared reflections on the action of God in one’s life as related to Scripture and the Church’s faith. By sharing our unique stories, we can enlighten others. Sharing and listening is synonymous with giving and receiving; they are both acts of charity.

Eucharist centered Faith sharing is meant to serve our union with Christ, his Church, and with one another. Communion reaches its fullest expression and its deepest essence from the Eucharist which is the “source and summit” of our faith.

Prayer The entire faith-sharing process is seen as prayer, that is, listening to the Word of God as broken open by others’ experience.

Community Small Faith Groups ministry seeks to help each person be more deeply connected to the larger parish community.

Evangelization/Mission The Church on earth is by her nature missionary. Participants gain a deep desire to invite others to experience the daily work of God more deeply.

Authoritative guidance As Roman Catholics, we honor Catholic wisdom and tradition as it will help maintain the deep unity of mind and heart that has become the hallmark of the Catholic Church.

Devoted to Mary The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and our mother, leads all participants in Small Faith Groups Ministry to have a heart that ponders deeply and praises the greatness of the Lord and the mystery of God’s love for us. This whole ministry is entrusted to her care.

Much of the above principles are from RENEW International.



“Connecting Catholic faith and life”

“Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

- Matthew 18:20

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