

RENEW presents
INTERNATIONAL



Pastoral Services

for parishes

PREPARATION PERIOD

INFORMATION SESSION

This workshop provides an overview of the three-year process of renewal, *ARISE Together in Christ*. Parishes will be offered the opportunity to sign up and become part of this renewal effort which is a pathway to the New Evangelization. A process for discerning and inviting members of the *ARISE* Parish Team will be provided.

AUDIENCE: pastors, pastoral staff, and lay leaders

LAUNCHING *ARISE* & REACHING OUT: Training for the *ARISE* Parish Team

This workshop provides formation and skills training. It will offer an overview of the entire process, timelines, material, an understanding of faith sharing and how to become a ministerial community. In addition it will develop an understanding of the New Evangelization and its call to a deeper commitment to welcome and invitation. It includes invitational strategies and practical tools, organization of small communities, publicity, marketing and web use.

Encountering Christ Today

SEASON ONE

SMALL COMMUNITY LEADER FORMATION WORKSHOP

This workshop prepares small community leaders to lead Season One, *Encountering Christ Today*.

It provides a basic theological grounding in the core belief that in Jesus Christ, God has fully revealed himself to humanity. It also highlights the practical skills needed to facilitate and maximize small communities as vehicles for prayer and faith sharing with a movement toward action.

AUDIENCE: small community leaders and the *ARISE* Parish Team

Parishes launch the *ARISE* process with **Sign-Up Sunday**, and then invite support in prayer for the process with **Prayer Commitment Sunday**.

The parish-based small communities participate in the six faith-sharing sessions of Season One in the fall.



Change Our Hearts

SEASON TWO

SMALL COMMUNITY LEADER FORMATION WORKSHOP

This workshop prepares small community leaders to lead Season Two, *Change Our Hearts*.

It gives an understanding of the conversion to which the Gospels call us as an ongoing process of living more fully and authentically in Christ. It offers an overview of Lenten liturgy and practices. Leaders will be given an opportunity to glean best practices from the previous Season and will be challenged to develop greater skills as facilitators of the small communities.

AUDIENCE: new and experienced small community leaders and the *ARISE* Parish Team

The parish-based small communities participate in the six faith-sharing sessions of Season Two in Lent.

In the Footsteps of Christ

SEASON THREE

SMALL COMMUNITY LEADER FORMATION WORKSHOP

This workshop prepares small community leaders to lead Season Three, *In the Footsteps of Christ*.

It offers an exploration of the Catholic understanding of discipleship and how this implies active commitment to charity and justice. It assists the leaders to understand the social teachings of the Church and the communal dimension of life. Teams will be encouraged to reach out specifically to young adults.

AUDIENCE: new and experienced small community leaders and the *ARISE* Parish Team

The parish-based small communities participate in the six faith-sharing sessions of Season Three in the fall.

New Heart, New Spirit

SEASON FOUR

SMALL COMMUNITY LEADER FORMATION WORKSHOP

This workshop prepares small community leaders to lead Season Four, *New Heart, New Spirit*.

It addresses the need for reconciliation and healing in our lives, parishes, and world. It assists leaders to understand the process of grief, forgiveness, and healing, and offers ways to create an environment for healing in their small communities. There will be an opportunity to gather the best practices of the previous season, including how to reach out to inactive Catholics.

AUDIENCE: new and experienced small community leaders and the *ARISE* Parish Team

The parish-based small communities participate in the six faith-sharing sessions of Season Four in Lent.

We Are the Good News!

SEASON FIVE

SMALL COMMUNITY LEADER FORMATION WORKSHOP

This workshop prepares small community leaders to lead Season Five, *We Are the Good News!*

It offers a theological overview of the Season, which is founded on a Catholic understanding of evangelization. It helps participants understand themselves as evangelizers and offers strategies and suggestions for becoming an evangelizing community.

AUDIENCE: new and experienced small community leaders and the *ARISE* Parish Team

The parish-based small communities participate in the six faith-sharing sessions of Season Five in the fall.

ONGOING SERVICES

SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH

- Ongoing telephone and e-mail contact and assistance
- Web-based training and a web library of resource documents for invitation, implementation, and parish-led missions
- Parish evaluation tools complete with prayer service for each Season

MOVING TO SOCIAL ACTION

The *ARISE* experience deepens participants' knowledge of and appreciation for the social teaching of the Church, moving them to action. RENEW representatives will provide consultation on parish initiatives for works of charity and justice.

CONTINUING YOUR SMALL GROUPS BEYOND *ARISE*

The essence of the *ARISE Together in Christ* process is to stimulate active and continuing parish renewal.

RENEW helps parishes plan for and foster the continuation of small groups as vehicles for ongoing personal and parish spiritual renewal.





ARISE Resources

The five Seasons of faith sharing in small Christian communities are central to the *ARISE Together in Christ* process:

Season One: Encountering Christ Today

Season Two: Change Our Hearts

Season Three: In the Footsteps of Christ

Season Four: New Heart, New Spirit

Season Five: We Are the Good News!

For each Season, RENEW International offers a faith-sharing book with prayers, scripture references, written reflections, sharing questions, and suggested action steps. Faith-sharing materials are available in Chinese, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Haitian Creole, Lithuanian, Vietnamese, as well as English and Spanish large-print editions for the visually impaired. Music CDs, in English and Spanish, complement the sessions with recommended song selections.

The faith-sharing books are complemented by materials for children and youth. Both are designed around the same themes and Scripture passages as in the adult books.

ARISE for youth

Faith-sharing materials for each session of all five Seasons, written especially for youth (Grades 7–9). Also includes a separate *ARISE for youth Leader Guide* (English only).

ARISE Family Sharing Pages

A friendly easy way to explore the same faith themes at home and in class. Four-page, full color worksheet for each session of each Season. Available for Grades 1–3 and 4–6 (English only).

RENEW Small-Group Leader Series

Learn from the wisdom of RENEW International's three decades of experience promoting and sustaining small Christian communities. *Essentials for Small-Group Leaders* offers a comprehensive collection of pastoral insights and practical suggestions to help leaders guide their groups. *Leading Prayer in Small Groups* guides you through stages of preparing group prayer and the process of effectively leading prayer for a group.

PRAYERTIME A, B, C

Faith-sharing reflections for every week of the year based on the Sunday Gospel readings. Can be used personally or in a group setting.



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