

# THE CATHOLIC VISION

## FUNDAMENTAL COMPONENTS OF THE CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN VISION, IDENTITY AND MISSION

*The Catholic Vision: Fundamental Components of the Catholic Christian Vision, Identity, and Mission* is a six session program dedicated to helping participants grow in appreciation and valuing of the entire flow of core Catholic Christian beliefs from belief in God through Catholic community to beliefs and practices about personal spirituality. When a team of people from a parish participate, it can have a positive impact on the parish.

This program offers 13 hours of facilitated, interactive, sessions in a series of five weekly sessions. There is a planned sixth session held about a month after the first five sessions to recall and refresh the results of the initial five sessions. There will be group dialogue, relationship building, and planning and committing to a personal mission statement. Of course, the sessions can be bi-weekly or monthly to meet a parish's particular needs.

We are offering this program because in our pastoral work we frequently find people viewing God, the church, and their personal spirituality somewhat like the old story of three blind men feeling an elephant and trying to describe what it is. There is disjointedness to their understanding and frequently little appreciation for the entire flow. We seek to address that disjointedness and improve the spiritual life of those who participate.

The program can be a Lenten season opportunity to revitalize one's spiritual life and deepen one's understanding and appreciation of the Catholic Christian faith. As a Lenten program, *The Catholic Vision* would be offered for the first five weeks of Lent with an additional Recall and Reunion session about a month later.

There is a flow from belief in and understanding of God to the Incarnation of the Son, to the Church community he established, and to our personal spiritual life.

This program explores that entire flow with application to our personal spirituality within the life of our communities—home, family, church, work, and civic communities.

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