



How is the presentation in *Discovering Christ* specifically Catholic?

While open to people of all backgrounds, the ChristLife program is uniquely Catholic in its founding, doctrine and presentation. The program was founded in the Catholic Diocese of Baltimore with the blessing of Archbishop William E. Lori and comes to the Rochester Diocese at the invitation of Bishop Salvatore Matano.

These are a few distinctly Catholic elements in *Discovering Christ's* proclamation:

1. The speakers on the videos are Catholic: a lay man & women and a priest. Though their vocabulary is familiar to people of all backgrounds, there are a number of Catholic references from their own faith stories (going to Mass growing up, learning to say prayers, being befriended by priests who were instrumental in their personal conversions, etc.) that would be appreciated by a Catholic audience. Both share personal testimonies of growing up "Catholic" but not knowing Jesus personally.
2. There are a number of notable Catholics quoted throughout *Discovering Christ* that contribute to the presentation of the teachings including Pope Francis, Pope Benedict XVI, St. John Paul II, St. Louis De Montfort, Frank Sheed and more.
3. The two talks on the *Discovering Christ* retreat: "Who is the Holy Spirit?" and "The Holy Spirit and You" encourage people to make/renew a personal commitment to Jesus as Lord and ask to be filled/renewed in the Holy Spirit. Addressing those who are already baptized, both speakers make the sacramental connection between a personal commitment to Jesus and baptism. In other words, a personal relationship with Jesus is not separate from the sacramental life of the Church.
4. The final talk "Our Need for the Church" explains the necessity of belonging to the Church to grow in this personal relationship with Jesus. The sacraments are introduced as essential to our relationship with God. Unbaptized participants are invited to join the parish and receive the sacraments through the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA).



In our first series *Discovering Christ*, people are helped to enter into or renew a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, experience the love of God the Father, and be empowered by the Holy Spirit to live as God's children. We invite you to experience *Discovering Christ* starting on **Sunday September 23rd**, at St. Rita Church. Considering inviting a friend or loved one who you think might benefit from this experience. You can **register online** at

www.stritawebster.org/discover or by calling Julie Cohn at the Parish Office (585) 671-1100 x 13.