**SMALL GROUPS MINISTRY QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:**

Q: Where will Small Groups meet?

A: Some small groups meet in members’ homes, and some meet at Holy Martyrs Church.

Q: When will Small Groups meet?

A: Small groups will meet weekly, on different days of the week and at different times, based on the info that people provide on the registration forms as to their availability.

Q: Must I sign up for the entire year?

A: The “norm” is to sign up from October through May. We will also offer the opportunity to join a “Just For Lent” Small Group. If you are interested in joining a group after Small Groups have formed (Oct.), please contact Nancy Fiamingo.

Q: If I sign up to “host” a small group in my home, am I the Small Group Leader?

A: No, one of the members assigned to your small group will be a trained leader who will lead the gathering and facilitate discussion. If you offer to “host”, you’re opening your home as a place for a Small Group to meet.

Q: How many people comprise a small group?

A: The minimum number of group members is 5, and the maximum number is 12.

Q: Are Holy Martyrs Small Groups open only to Holy Martyrs parishioners?

A: One of the fruits of Small Groups is to build community within Holy Martyrs Church. However, we also want to welcome potential new parishioners and those with a desire to grow in faith.

Q: What is the make-up of the small groups?

A: We currently have: Women’s, Family, Parents of Young Children, Married Couples, and Mixed Adults groups. We have groups which meet during PSR/Spirit so that it is convenient for parents to attend a Small Group. As we grow, we can add more specific groups.

Q: What if I don’t “click” with my small group and want to be moved to another group?

A: This situation would be appropriately and pastorally handled by Nancy Fiamingo, who is coordinating Small Groups. In that situation, please contact Nancy.

Q: What topics will we be discussing?

A: The topics we used for 2016-2017 were: “Prayer” by Dr. Brandon Pitre, Resisting Happiness, by Matthew Kelly, Eucharist: *Sacred Meal, Sacrifice, and Real Presence*, by Bishop Robert Barron, and “When God Doesn’t Make Sense” (Nativity in MD). Topics for 2017-2018 are TBD.

Q: Will our small group do anything beyond our weekly meetings?

A: This is up to each Small Group. **Serving** together at a HM or community event would be wonderful fruit to come from Small Groups. Several SGs get together for breakfast after Sunday Mass and/or for dinners out. On June 21, 2017, Small Groups are encouraged to attend **“EXALT – An Evening of Praise & Worship and Eucharistic Adoration”** from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in Holy Martyrs Worship Space. We will host a Dessert Reception afterward. Some groups are planning to attend “**The Fest”** together on Sunday, August 6 on the grounds of the Center for Pastoral Leadership in Wickliffe. (www.theFEST.us)