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Come, Lord Jesus! Leader's Invitation

You are being invited to become a leader in a new small group faith building program at St Joseph Parish. I believe that God is calling us to use our talents and gifts to initiate this program and help build a stronger, more vibrant Catholic faith community in our parish and in our city.

Why small faith sharing groups?

Small faith sharing groups have been proven to be the best method for building Christian Community within many churches and congregations. These small groups allow for the development of strong bonds of friendship, faith, hope and love which overflows to the larger church community. The result is a stronger church and stronger Christians. Examples of effective small group programs include Marriage Encounter, Cursillo, and Alpha.

Why Come Lord Jesus?

Come Lord Jesus is a weekly scripture study program that originated in the diocese of Lafayette, Louisiana and has been proven effective in building small faith communities, enriching the faith of attendees and invigorating parish life. It has been piloted in Grande Prairie since 2019. The CLJ program connects directly to each Sunday Mass throughout the liturgical year, so it has the synergistic effect of simultaneously engaging Catholics in the Mass, the Eucharist, the bible and each other. From the founder, Fr Conley Bertrand: Members become persons of deeper prayer. They come to know and live the Scriptures. They understand the spiritual treasures of the Catholic faith and are equipped to witness it to others in word and deed. I invite you to take a peek at the Come, Lord Jesus website <https://comelordjesus.com> before our meeting. Everything you will need and everything the participants will need is easily available electronically.

What am I asking of you?

I am asking that you seriously consider this invitation to become a CLJ leader; **at minimum to attend a leader's workshop on Sunday, January 8, 7 - 8:30 PM, JP II Room** (upstairs in the parish offices). If you decide to become a leader (your commitment will be requested after the workshop), you will be committing to the following:

- Forming a CLJ group of 4-10 members - your personal invitation
- Leading the group through weekly study/sharing meetings for at least six months
- Facilitating the access to CLJ materials as needed by your group
- Providing feedback to the local CLJ leadership (Fr. Remi, Kevin W, Kevin B) at the end of the six month commitment.
- HOPEFULLY - carrying on your CLJ group indefinitely

Please email Fr. Remi (remicssr@gmail.com) or contact the parish office before Wednesday, January 4 to confirm your attendance at the workshop.

Fr. Remi