

**Crisis In Our World  
Crisis In Our Church  
Christ In Our Midst!**

This is a time of upheaval, change, insecurity, fears about the future, abuses in the Church, natural disasters, famines, and terrifying sicknesses, no causes or remedies for new diseases, faithlessness as so many in the Church lose their faith and morals, corruption in society, moral decadence, bribery, infidelity particularly among clergy, wars, hostilities among nations, poverty, hunger, oppression, homelessness, greed, materialism, violence, political corruption, economic upheavals, crime in our midst, terror, financial disaster, and never-ending stories of suffering and loss striking fear in our hearts, robbing us of our inner peace, and paralyzing our spiritual journeys.

As terrifying as all of this sounds, it is not a portrayal of the world we live in today. Rather, it is a description of 14th century Europe. There is perhaps one major difference between then and now. It is the constant sensory impact of the world on our souls—the visual and audible call to turn away from God and turn towards the things of this world. Nothing could be further from God’s desire for us. He longs for us to accept Jesus Christ as our personal Lord and Savior and in so doing invoke the power of His Holy Spirit to help us lead lives of holiness, equipped to bring Christ to the world and the world to Christ.

**Christ Yesterday, Today,  
and Tomorrow**

**The Gift of Parish  
Retreats / Missions**

When we set aside time to be with Jesus our minds are renewed, our hearts are healed, and our lives are never again the same. Time away with Jesus only happens when we intentionally step aside from our busy lives. Parish missions and retreats give us the perfect opportunity to do this.

The Church continually invites us to give special consideration to the Holy Spirit, whose mission it is to continually sanctify and renew the Church, and prepare our souls for an eternity with God. Through the power of the Holy Spirit we come to know Christ and the One who sent Him, Our Heavenly Father. We are able to hear God’s voice for ourselves, our children, our friends, our Church, and even our world.

Jesus is the Source of all life—the one sure investment for our future. He is the One True lasting inheritance we have to pass on to our children — to future generations.

Please take a few moments to review the mission topics listed in this brochure and pray about whether or not your parish community is called to be renewed through one or more of these missions or retreats. .

**Missions / Retreats  
For Parish and Catholic  
Community Renewal**



**Be Holy As I Am Holy**

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## Mission / Retreat Focus

What is the anticipated outcome for your parishioners...They will:

- Receive a fresh outpouring of the gifts of faith, hope, and love.
- Be re-empowered with the gifts given them at Baptism and Confirmation.
- Be refreshed and renewed physically, emotionally, and spiritually.
- Become more aware of God's healing presence in their family and work situations.
- Become more closely bonded as a Christian community.
- Understand the role of charisms in parish life.
- See relationships with spouses, family, friends, and community members be strengthened and healed.

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## The Mission / Retreat

The missions and retreats weave together Scripture, story-telling, faith-sharing, worship, and praise and there is a sufficient dose of humor mixed with good old-fashioned common sense!

Time is set aside at the end of each session for personal prayer prayed by your own parishioners, who will be formed in praying the "Prayer of Presence" (See the "Prayer of Presence" brochure).

Missions can be presented in consecutive evenings or in a weekend retreat format.



### **Missions and Retreat focus on Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction, as well as the Sacrament of Reconciliation.**

**Why not plan a mission or retreat for your parish that will awaken minds and open hearts to God's love and mercy?**



## Mission Topics

Select from one or several of the topics listed below or customize your Parish Mission by requesting your own topic:

- Charisms of the Holy Spirit: Tools for the New Evangelization
- To Each Is Given A Manifestation of the Spirit. Do You Know What Yours Is?
- Can You Hear Me Now? I'm Always Working For You! Love God
- Interior Design: A How-To Course On Discovering God's Creative Gifts At Work In Your Life. Decorate your soul with God's grace.
- The Seven Healthy Habits of An Everyday Catholic
- Soul Renovations Are At An All Time High: Invest In Your Future Now!
- When You've Had Enough Cry Uncle (Jesus) and Then We'll Talk, Love God
- Eight Ways to Ensure That God Can't Heal You
- The Afterglow of the Eucharist: Let's Pray
- Pray For Me, Because I Can't Pray
- The Road Less Disciplined: On the Way to Heaven
- How To Keep Your Children From Leaving The Church When They're Old Enough To Drive or Can Anyone Tell Me Why My Children Left The Church?
- Low Fat-High Protein Recipes for Spiritual Growth
- Catherine of Siena: Eavesdropping On Her Conversations With God The Father
- Grace, Your Best Investment In Your Future: Getting It and Keeping It!
- Living In the Annunciation and the Visitation!