
The Canticle of St. Francis

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Coming This Fall To St. Francis!

RENEW

When World Youth Day took place in Toronto recently, it was edifying to see the faith and joy of those in attendance. It was exciting to have the pope present, and rally participants together. The real celebration however was that of Faith. It was an opportunity for those present to come closer to the experience of Christ in their lives. Not everyone has the chance to go to such an event. However, opportunities for spiritual connection and revitalization can take place right here at home.

One of the proven ways is through RENEW. Preparations have been under way for quite some time now for the implementation of this exciting parish renewal program at St. Francis. *The core element of RENEW is participation by the people of our community, in the home-based six-week small group faith sharing that will take place five times over the next 2 ½ years. Each of these six week periods is called a "Season". The seasons move progressively forward, beginning with "God, a Community of Love" which delves into the search for meaning present in our lives.*

Then, the parish RENEW Mission will take place in February 2003. The mission will provide an opportunity for the entire parish to reflect together on subjects pertinent to the lives of people of all ages. It will also set the stage for the next season focusing on conversion and entitled, "Finding God."

Additional opportunities for involvement in RENEW will take place each season. **Reflection booklets** will be available for general use. A **Family Page** will be included the six Sundays of each season. Our **liturgy and homilies** will support what is taking place in the small group gatherings. There will be **religious education, school, youth, young adult, business place and senior residential components** in order that as many people as possible may be included. **Homebound** persons and those unable to par-

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We live in a hurried world.

We may feel pulled in many directions.

We have little time ... to think

... to reflect

... to BE.

That opportunity awaits you this fall at St. Francis.

Let participation in a small faith-sharing group satisfy the search for meaning that is present in your life.

Make the promise to yourself. Participate in ...

RENEW

- ✓ **A time to grow into deeper relationship with Jesus and with His Body, the Church**
- ✓ **A time to help each other to connect everyday life and faith**
- ✓ **An opportunity to get to know others at St. Francis on a personal level**

Sign-up Sundays:

September 7/8 and September 14/15

A variety of meeting days and times will be offered.