St. John’s
COMMUNITY FAITH FORMATION
Lent 2015

In the Secret Place of Thunder:
Classic Roc

Companioned by In the Midst of Our Storms: Opening Ourselves to Christ in the Liturgy, by Fr. Roc O’Connor, S.J.

February 7 after 5:00 p.m. Mass, and
Feb 22 through March 29 in LSJ

February 7 In the Midst of Our Storms
(Book Launch & Introduction to Series)
facilitated by Fr. Roc O’Connor, S.J., author

February 22 Word as Real Presence? Really?
(chapter 3)
facilitated by Rita Sherman, AFF Director

March 1 The Reality of Our Hungers and Thirsts
(chapters 4 & 5)
facilitated by Sandi Cardillo

March 8 Recognizing Resistances to Real Presence?
(chapters 6 & 7)
facilitated by Marjorie & Larry Brennan

March 15 So, What is Real Discipleship, Anyway?
(chapter 8)
facilitated by Bob & Mary Helen Peters

March 22 Liturgical Contemplative Practice
(chapter 9)
facilitated by Connie & Terry Finney

March 29 In Need, We Receive…Real Presence
(chapter 10)
facilitated by CoCo Osborne

***Come, gather for coffee and noshes at 9 a.m. in the Conference Room (northwest corner of Lower St. John’s. Hour-long program begins at 9:15 a.m.)
Common Ground Initiative

The Catholic Common Ground Initiative was inaugurated by the late Cardinal Joseph Bernardin with the release of a statement, Called to Be Catholic: Church in a Time of Peril, on August 12, 1996. It originated in a concern that unnecessarily polarizing differences among church leaders and members hinder efforts to build the church community and to carry out its mission. The statement proposes working principles for dialogue within the church and expresses the conviction that such an effort will transform those who engage in it as well as strengthen the church for its mission in the new millennium. The ongoing work of the Catholic Common Ground Initiative represents both a call to renewed dialogue within the church and an effort to undertake and exemplify that kind of dialogue. The Initiative is guided by a thirty-six member committee chaired by Most Reverend Daniel E. Pilarczyk, Archbishop of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Principles of Dialogue

- We should recognize that no single group or viewpoint in the church has a complete monopoly on the truth.
- We should not envision ourselves or any one part of the church a saving remnant.
- We should test all proposals for their pastoral realism and potential impact on living individuals as well as for their theological truth.
- We should presume that those with whom we differ are acting in good faith.
- We should put the best possible construction on differing positions, addressing their strongest points rather than seizing upon the most vulnerable aspects in order to discredit them.
- We should be cautious in ascribing motives. We should not impugn another's love of the church or loyalty to it.
- We should bring the church to engage the realities of contemporary culture, not by simple defiance or by naive acquiescence, but acknowledging, in the fashion of Gaudium et Spes, both our culture's valid achievements and real dangers.