

16. I'm still not sure. How do I know if I need renewal?

As Christians we are called to continually renew our faith and our relationship with Christ. As a parish we are called to continually renew our community, to experience "being church for others".

Do not worry about your preconceived reluctance to participate. Come and see. What do you have to lose?

17. What are the Pastor's thoughts on Christ Renews His Parish?

Our pastor, Fr. Steve Cook, and all of our priests are committed to Christ Renews His Parish. They participate in the weekend retreat and the formation that follows. They are always praying for the renewal of our parish and encourage all to consider the weekend.

18. How do I register?

Invitation Registration forms are available at the back of Church and in the Parish Office. You may also register on the Parish web site, which has a CRHP link. Space is limited, so please register as soon as you decide you want to attend.

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Colossians 1:9-10



Prayer for Spiritual Renewal of St. Peter's Parish

Loving Father:

You have made St. Peter's Parish Community. We are your daughters and sons and members of your family.

We thank you for this.

We offer our personal lives and the lives of our Parish Family. Show us how we are to be renewed in the likeness of your son, Jesus.

Send us your Holy Spirit. Give us His gifts, His fruits, and His special blessing.

All this we ask in the name of Christ, our Lord.

Amen!



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"Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house . . ."

1 Peter 2:5

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
“The Renewal Weekend”
CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH

1. Tell me briefly. What is it?

“Christ Renews His Parish” is a spiritual renewal process calling together the members of the parish in order to experience personal conversion and Catholic community in the environment of our own parish.

Christ Renews is completely oriented to the parish in order to give both the individual and the parish an opportunity for renewal and growth in the spiritual life. While the first weekend retreats will be led by men and women from sister parishes, future weekends will be led by a team of parishioners properly formed in prayer and love and instructed in the content of the total process. Christ Renews was developed in 1969 and has been experienced by hundreds of parishes across the country.

2. What is it not?

It is not a silent retreat.
It is not a parish organization.
It is not a public confessional.
It is not an emotional cult.
It is not a parish clique.

3. What happens during the weekend?

Most who have made it say, “You can’t explain what happens; you have to experience it.” This is your invitation to the experience.

You will enjoy the two-day Christ Renews His Parish Weekend at St. Peter’s. This includes group activities and discussions, prayer and sacraments together, and reflections by weekend leaders on such subjects as: God’s loving care for us, Renewal, Scripture, Eucharist, Reconciliation, Discipleship, and what Catholic Christian Life is all about.

4. Where and when is the retreat weekend held?

Retreats are held at St. Peter’s each Spring and Fall. Women and men attend on different weekends.

5. How long will it last?

The weekend begins at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday and will end by 5:00 p.m. on Sunday.

6. Who may come?

Anyone 19 years or older, Catholic or non-Catholic, who resides within the parish boundaries of St. Peter’s or who is registered in the parish is invited to Christ Renews His Parish Retreat.

7. I’m doubtful. Who will invite me?

You will be invited primarily by THE HOLY SPIRIT, but also through announcements at Mass, through the church bulletin, and perhaps by someone in the parish who may know you.

It is up to you, as an individual, to make up your own mind. You are not being pressured to go. Praying for guidance is important. If you feel that Christ, through the Holy Spirit or through a human mediator is calling you, COME!

8. What about Confession?

There will be a Reconciliation Service held in the church. The service will conclude with confession for those who desire this sacrament. There will be priests available for confession.

9. What about Mass?

A special Mass will be celebrated for participants during the Renewal weekend in the church.

10. Where do people sleep?

Participants will be sleeping at St. Peter’s. Special accommodations for those with particular needs can be arranged.

Service is excellent, since you make your own bed and provide whatever linens, pillows, blankets, sleeping bags etc., you desire.

11. What about meals?

Hot meals are served. The food is excellent and the portions ample. There are regular breaks for coffee, soft drinks and snacks. Special dietary needs will be accommodated

12. What is the uniform of the day?

Casual and comfortable clothes are the dress code. No extra “Sunday best” attire is expected.

13. Can I afford the price of the weekend?

It’s free! Volunteer helpers and contributions of some items help keep cost to a minimum. The cost is supported by St. Peter’s Parish.

14. I’d like to attend the weekend, but I have a health problem. So?

Mention that you have a special need on the Invitation Registration Form. A person from the Retreat Team will contact you about your specific requirements. It should not keep you from coming. There are very few situations we cannot accommodate.

15. I can’t get up and talk in front of people. Will I have to?

You will not be asked to get up and talk. No pressure will be on you if others do speak.

The Retreat is an opportunity to meet and get to know people from the parish. After the retreat, you will be given an opportunity to further your spiritual formation by meeting with those attending the retreat.