

# SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES



## **DESCRIPTION/OVERVIEW:**

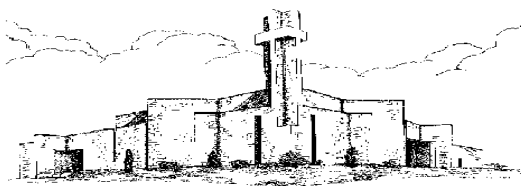
The Small Christian Communities Ministry at our Lady of Mercy has recently celebrated twenty-five years of faith sharing. Members of individual groups are ordinary people coming together to help connect everyday life with their faith life. Groups meet on a regular basis, mostly in their homes, with a focus on prayer, support, sharing, learning and outreach. Trained facilitators meet with the Core Team and the Pastor on a regular basis.

## **ACTIVITIES:**

- There are eleven active communities in the parish who meet regularly to read the Sunday readings, discuss and share their faith
- Members support each other in prayer and outreach
- Take part in group events where all Small Communities come together.

## **EXPECTATIONS:**

- The Core team meets monthly, nine months of the year, to coordinate and plan activities for communities
- Pastoral Facilitators meet monthly, eight months of the year, to connect all communities with the pastor
- Group members meet regularly as a small church to read scripture and share their faith. Overall these small churches possess five elements: prayer, sharing, learning, mutual support and outreach



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