

Hearts Afire

Parish-based Programs for the New Evangelization

Initial Meeting With Your Parish Retreat Coordinator

Address the following ideas about Hearts Afire Parish-based Programs.

- The need for an increase in holiness and dedication to sacramental life among Catholics.
- The importance of the Holy Spirit in renewing Catholic faith and practice.
- The **simplicity** of the Hearts Afire Parish-based Program: a turnkey program that intensifies Catholic piety and life through a three-step program already recorded as approved Catholic teaching on DVD by Father Michael Gaitley, M.I.C. (Marians of the Immaculate Conception, Stockbridge MA):
 - **Stage One: The Two Hearts:**
 - The Immaculate Heart of Mary – Marian Consecration in *33Days to Morning Glory*
 - The Sacred Heart – Divine Mercy in *Consoling the Heart of Jesus*
 - **Stage Two: Wisdom and Works of Mercy**
 - **Stage Three: Keeping Hearts Ablaze.**
- In Stage One, The Two Hearts, Parish retreats connect the participants to both Mary and the Sacramental life lived in the parish:
 - The First Retreat, *33 Days to Morning Glory*, and Father Michael Gaitley’s simple approach to asking for Mary’s help.
 - The *Retreat Companion* and the already-prepared materials to deepen reflection on Catholic sacramental life and the Catholic goal of Eternal Life with God.
 - The Training and Coordinator support materials available in print and available on www.AllHeartsAfire.org make running a program simple.
 - Mass attendance and consecration visibility to the parish at large.
- Your request that the Coordinator be willing to take care of scheduling facilities, calendaring dates, ordering of materials, registering and contacting participants, and training small group leaders.
- Encourage your coordinator to build a core team of 3 to 6 people to assist with the program needs.

Covering all these details in your explanation and requests of the chosen Coordinator will create a vision of the hoped-for renewal of parish participants and through them the entire parish. The vision presented by you shows the chosen Coordinator your pastoral commitment to this program and your support of the person who leads it.

Documents for your meeting explaining the above material can be downloaded and printed from www.AllHeartsAfire.com on the bottom of the “Where to Begin” page.