

SACRED STORY COMMUNITY



A TIME-TESTED & SUCCESSFUL FORMATION & CONVERSION METHOD

Throughout its centuries of service to the Church, the Society of Jesus has created various structures to implement its foundational spiritual practices which have provided means of moving men and women closer to God's will.

THE SODALITIES OF OUR LADY

In 1563 a Jesuit by the name of Jean Leunis formed a group of young men and instilled in them the importance of establishing the daily Examination of Conscience and monthly confession as an important means towards spiritual growth. The Sodality of our Lady became a world-wide movement of both women and men, forming millions of lay leaders in the faith and lasted for 400 years.

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We mark the 456th anniversary of the founding of this great work of the Church in its Sodality movement. Fr. Watson and the Sacred Story Institute have spent eight years creating the tools of formation and conversion called Sacred Story Community. SSC will inaugurate a new era for parishes and dioceses to form within existing parishes *intentional communities* of engaged disciples of and women men so that they may move ever closer to the heart and will of Christ under the patronage of the Blessed Mother.

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**SACRED STORY
COMMUNITY CAN
SYNERGIZE YOUR
EVANGELIZATION
EFFORTS**

Do you use Amazing Parish, Parish Catalyst, Word on Fire Institute, Dynamic Parish, or Rebuilt? Do you want to really take full advantage of what you are doing with these different platforms?

Sacred Story Community provides the daily formation programs that augment any of these initiatives to help you to form

intentional communities within your larger parish of engaged or missionary disciples. The small disciples group formed in a daily faith disciplines together goes back to Jesus gathering of the main apostles.

Using the Ignatian methods tested for centuries, SSC helps you target both individuals and small groups in your faith community who are ready to take a deep dive into their faith in support of their own growth, the growth of the faith community and the Church. It is these individuals and small groups willing to do the “more” that will really provide the leaven to transform your whole community.

Sacred Story Community offers pastors/parishes dynamic programs for achieving in small groups the Core Christian Goals of:

Perfection of the Individual

Perfection of the Community/Group

Execution of Apostolic Goals in Service of Those in Need and the New Evangelization



WHY SACRED STORY COMMUNITY?

The Church and the world stand at an important pivot point in history. Chief among the challenges facing both is the need to reestablish human nature as divinely created specifically to participate in the life of the Holy Trinity. Each human person is destined for eternal life with Christ due to his supreme sacrifice. His life, passion, death and resurrection is the turning point of cosmic history. The Roman Catholic Church is the sole bearer of this Truth and has the honor of sharing it with all people in the world.

The Sacred Story Community will offer both evangelization and discernment resources using the time-tested methods of Ignatian Spirituality. Sacred Story Institute has pioneered new ways to deliver the power of the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises and St. Ignatius' discernment principles. Sacred Story Community teaches Community how to become discerning, evangelizing Community of faith.

Evangelization and discernment must be grounded in a living relationship with Jesus Christ whom individuals and Community's worship as present in their midst—only this sacred relationship with Christ can create engaged disciples. Sacred Story Community provides means for lay faithful to believe that Christ is present to his people and still working powerfully and miraculously in our lives and in our world.

Sacred Story Community will hold out a model of simple faith and belief in Christ that formed the early Church and that has reformed the Church in every epoch. As such, Sacred Story Community will be under the patronage of The Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Both of these foundational devotions are ones that the Church and the Society of Jesus have offered to individuals and faith community to consecrate themselves to in order to accomplish the holy work of God in the world.

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INITIATION INTO A SACRED STORY COMMUNITY

Candidates are invited by
the Pastor or the SSC Direc-
tor to join the SCC

SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES FOR CANDIDATES TO A SACRED STORY COMMUNITY

- All Candidates must take Forty Weeks—An Ignatian Path To Christ journey: completing it and the Whole-Life Confession in the first part of the journey
- All Candidates have a regular sacramental life of week Sunday Mass and Monthly Confession
- All Candidates begin the daily practice of the Examination of Conscience in part two of Forty Weeks
- All Candidates agree to pray daily by name for all their fellow candidates
- All Candidates are asked to pray a Rosary once a week

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**SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES FOR A FULL MEMBER OF
SACRED STORY COMMUNITY**

- Weekly Sunday Mass
- Daily Examination of Conscience
- Daily Mass & Communion as is possible
- Monthly Confession
- Monthly one-hour Eucharistic Adoration
- Weekly Personal and/or Sacred Story Community Rosary Prayed in Common
- Individual Consecration to the Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart
- Monthly Service to Those in Need
- Invite Fallen-Away Catholics to the Whole-Life Confession Journey
- Commit to monthly or weekly SSC one-hour prayer/study meeting
- Commit to guide new SCC candidates through the Forty Weeks