



## *An Invitation for Non-Practicing Catholics*

- Were you raised Catholic but do not come or seldom come to church anymore?
- Are you a Catholic who now feels separated from the church?
- Would you like to know more about the Catholic Church as it is today?
- Would you like to feel at home in the Catholic Church again?

*"Everyone has a place in the Church. Every person, without exception, should be able to feel at home, and never rejected." – Pope Benedict XVI*

No matter how long you have been away and no matter what reason, St. Mary of the Lakes in Medford invites you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church. Please join us for informal listening sessions and an update of the Catholic faith. All six sessions will take place at the parish office and will be facilitated by fellow Catholics who will share their stories and listen to your feelings and concerns.

## **2009 Winter Schedule**

<b>Dates and Times</b>	<b>Topic</b>
Monday, January 12, 7:30 - 8:45 p.m.	Welcome, Overview of Series, Faith Sharing
Monday, January 19, 7:30 - 8:45 p.m.	"Stories of Faith from Catholics Returning Home" Video, Discussion, Faith Sharing
Monday, January 26, 7:30 - 8:45 p.m.	The Church Today: Explanation of Changes Since Vatican II (Mass in English, Involvement, Bible Study)
Monday, February 2, 7:30 - 8:45 p.m.	The Mass: Explanation and Historical Overview
Monday, February 9, 7:30 - 8:45 p.m.	Explanation of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)
Monday, February 16, 7:30 - 8:45 p.m.	Explanation of the Nicene Creed: What Catholics Believe

All are welcome. Participants do not have to live in Medford or be registered with St. Mary of the Lakes parish.

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