



# Welcome Home - Returning to the Catholic Church

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**“Welcome Home – Returning to the Catholic Church”** is a journey of return for inactive Catholics. Some who left the Church as young people are now seeking an adult faith life. Others, divorced and remarried, left the Church thinking there were no options. Those alienated by earlier experiences left the Church feeling rejected; others want to, but now feel foolish about returning. Many wish to educate themselves about the changes in the Church since they have been away. Some want a hearing, others a healing: All are welcome!

Our goal in sponsoring this program is to reach out in friendship to those who have left active membership in the Catholic Church. Our attitude is one of respect for each person's spiritual journey. We hope to assist the emotional and spiritual healing process that God carries on in each of us. We offer an invitation and a welcome; a willingness to listen, to help, and to pray; and a sincere desire to discuss Catholic values that can help shed light on living our faith. Together we can sort out and answer questions and concerns.

Each winter we invite non-practicing Catholics to join us for informal sessions to address those questions and concerns. The first sessions are held from 2 – 4 pm, optionally, on consecutive Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Then sessions on Faith, the Mass, Reconciliation and Eucharist are offered at the same time on the next two Saturdays. There is no cost or obligation.

So if you are a Catholic who has been away from the Church, please contact us. If you know someone who has been away, please pass this invitation to them and offer to come with them. We would like to heal any hurts we may have caused and to help enable everyone to come home to our Church once again.

Besides this annual outreach, if you would like to talk about your relationship with the Church, more privately, *anytime*, call Deacon Ken at 907-644-9717, or e-mail to [deaconken@akseas.net](mailto:deaconken@akseas.net).

WHY NOT CALL RIGHT NOW?