



Saint John Fisher Church

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Roman Catholic Community

This letter is being written to you without us knowing who you are, or for that matter, anything at all about you! However, it is being delivered by someone who cares about you. That someone would like you to consider returning to the Catholic Church.

There may be many reasons why you have been away for a short period of time or for much of your adult life. Some people have said that being away makes them feel like something is missing in their life. Whether or not this describes you, we want this to be your home. You are missed when you are not here.

Please take another look at your decision and consider returning. What has kept you away? Perhaps one or more of these reasons have played a role:

- Marriage and remarriage concerns
- Mass does nothing for me
- I just sort of drifted away/I'm too busy
- Personality clash with someone in the church
- Personal, hurtful issues
- I don't feel at home
- Some difficult Church doctrines or doctrines I don't agree with
- Church scandals

Maybe your reason is different. There are many misconceptions and a lot of incorrect information about the Catholic Church that you may have heard. God's love, mercy, and forgiveness are greater than any of these issues. We are here to accompany you on your journey so you can find true peace, happiness and purpose in life. We hope that you and others in similar situations as you will also find more peace, real answers, and true happiness through the gift of faith.

St. John Fisher Parish is participating in an event called "The Light is on for You" on Tuesday, March 19. This will be an opportunity to explore any questions you may have about the Catholic Church or how you can return to an active participation in the church. The sacrament of reconciliation will also be offered, but you do not have to participate. We will have people available to just talk. If you choose to participate in the sacrament after talking, you are welcome to do so, but it is not required. Our doors are open from 7:00-9:00 pm and you are welcome to arrive any time at all and stay as long as you wish.

If you would prefer a personal phone call or appointment you may call me at 513.527.5243. This is a private confidential line. You may also email me at jimc@sjfchurch.org. My hope for you is that you will use this as an opportunity to explore a path toward finding peace.

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