

### *Where Everybody Knows Your Name*

*Making our way in the world today takes everything we've got. Wouldn't we like a brand new way*

*where taking a break from all our worries and hurries would help a lot? Sometimes we want to go where everybody knows our name.*

*We want to be where we can see through our common troubles, people are all the same.*

*That's the grace of CLC!*

*Let's be glad there's a place where everybody knows our name.*

We all want to **belong** and to be **accepted**. The typical Catholic parish is large, so it's not easy to meet these basic human needs.

A **Christian Life Community**, or CLC, is a way to find those connections via a small group of people who commit to joining together regularly in **prayer, support, and service**.

CLC is based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, who discovered a way to holiness that is well suited to a busy modern lifestyle. St. Ignatius teaches that **we can find God in all things**, and this spirituality can lead to a more fully human way of life.

### **CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMUNITY:**

- \* is a lay organization.
- \* is a world community lived out in a local community of 6-10 people.
- \* has a common way of life based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola.
- \* has members in all walks of life.
- \* provides the space for members to respond more fully to God's loving desires for them.

*For more information:*

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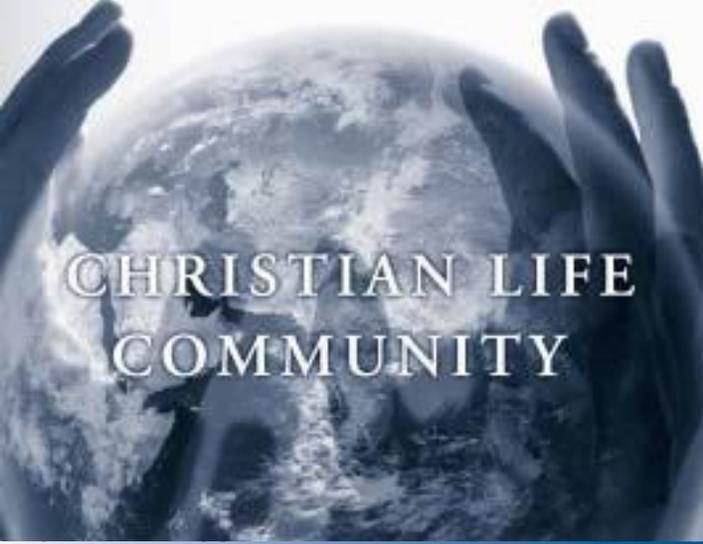
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## CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMUNITY

CLC offers ways to find a place where we personally connect with a spiritual, loving, and apostolic community. It's where everybody knows the name by which God intimately calls us. CLC companions in the Lord want to know your name!

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## DISCERNING

CLC members have as their foundation the **Spiritual Exercises** of St. Ignatius Loyola, not simply as a **retreat**, but as a way of life. Ignatian spirituality is an integrated spirituality – a “process” which **guides** us to bring together our **faith** and **daily living**. Ignatian **discernment** is a way of prayerfulness in the midst of all of our human life experiences that leads us to:

- \* a greater awareness of God's presence in all areas of our lives.
- \* a deeper appreciation of God's life-energy in all of creation.
- \* an increased sensitivity to those activities, desires, and attitudes that lead us to either:
  - a deeper participation in God's life and a sense of peace or
  - a sense of alienation, frustration, and burnout.
- \* a freedom to respond more fully to God's loving desires for us.

## COMMUNITY

The primary **commitment** in CLC is to a common **worldwide** way of life lived out in a **local community**. This holy communion provides:

- \* a sense of graced history – we experience the power of the Spirit working through our communal history.
- \* a forum for an ongoing discernment that brings the fruits of deliberations at the local level to the world community and the fruits of discernment at the world community to the local community.
- \* a sense of the sacredness of unity in diversity; and an awe of the Spirit reflected in all cultures and ethnic groups.
- \* a broader context for discernment in our local community, seeking the more universal good which transcends geographical and cultural world views.
- \* solidarity with those around the world living the CLC way of life.

## FOR MISSION

**Mission** in the context of **CLC** is not an activity, but a focusing of one's energy and passion on living **for Christ** in the world today. This expresses itself through:

- \* a preferential option for the poor.
- \* a simplicity of lifestyle.
- \* a sense of Church that leads us to be present where people and situations limit God's love.
- \* a desire to develop community in all areas of our lives: family, work, parish, school, etc.
- \* a willingness to collaborate with all people of good will to reveal God's presence.
- \* an openness and flexibility towards life that enables us to respond to the needs of the world.
- \* creative fidelity – living Gospel values in a way that speaks to our society today.