The Story of The Search

A new and impactful video-based series coming to our parish

Do any of these situations or stories sound familiar?

- You get the big promotion, but it doesn't make you happy for more than a day or two.
- You buy the fancy car, but the thrill is over by the time you pull into the garage.
- Your team wins the big trophy or even the Super Bowl... and in a week your excitement has faded to a memory.
- You raised your children in the faith, but they are no longer going to church or have fallen away from the faith.

"Our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you." - St. Augustine

- The things we expect to fulfill us don't.
- Why is life this way? Why are we here?
- Not just here in these bodies on this planet and in this year, but why do we exist? Why are we filled with longing?

Our parish will use an award-winning video-based series that's turning heads to explore fundamental questions and mysteries like these. It's called *The Search*, and the national reception to it has been so enthusiastic that we are bringing it here, to our parish, for all our spiritual benefit and growth.

The Search is a multi-part video based spiritual experience. The production is beautiful and uplifting. None of this rec room or fake library feeling to it.

But *The Search* is not meant just to be watched, and it is certainly not meant to watched alone. That is why we are beginning to form small groups --both in-person and virtual – to watch, discuss, truly benefit and grow from experiencing *The Search*.

- If your faith is already solid, *The Search* will help you to deepen it. If you are feeling unsure, it's for you too. If you're worried about your kids or grandkids, it's a great series for you to share with them by bringing them along. If you have friends and neighbors who may be Catholic or not, it's for them as well. Invite them.
- The Search features scientists, artists, philosophers, and other people from all walks of life proclaiming how their searches for meaning in life led them to Jesus and the Gospel.
- There is nothing quite like it in the Catholic world. The Search proclaims the Gospel in words that modern ears are ready to hear and images that modern eyes cannot help but see and remember. You don't want to miss it.

How to join a small group to experience all the power and potential of *The Search*

We have four in-person and two virtual groups of no more than 8 people per group. Below are the small group meeting days and times:

In-Person Groups			Virtual Groups		
Day	Time	Place	Day	Time	Place
Mondays	6:00pm	In-home	Wednesday	6:00pm	Virtual (Zoom)
Tuesday	1:00pm	Parish Hall	Thursday	1:00pm	Virtual (Zoom)
Thursday	4:00pm	Parish Hall			
Friday	1:00pm	Parish Hall			

There are sign-up sheets in the back of the church. You can also call the parish office at **(541) 329-0697** or email holytrinitybandon@yahoo.com, and indicate which group you wish to join. We will be happy to sign you up.

Finally, go to the parish website **holytrinitybandon.org** and watch a one-minute trailer of *The Search* as you prepare for an enriching Lenten journey. Stay tuned for more information about our parish wide Lenten journey with *The Search*.

God bless you, --Fr. Anthony Ahamefule