



"THE SEARCH: A Seven-week, Parish-Wide Journey" Information and Instruction Sheet

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF YOUR LIFE?

We are very excited to bring this excellent initiative to St. Thomas More parish! Specifically designed to "stir into flame the gift of God" that you possess as a Catholic (2 Tim 1:6), *THE SEARCH* will help you answer the big questions of life, deepen your faith, and grow closer to your fellow parishioners through this seven-week virtual group discussion format.

How do I join a group for *The Search*?

1. Check out the parish formation Website at sttmformation.org for updated information and to sign up.
2. If you do not find a group that will work for you, contact Becky Ready, our Director of Religious Education, at breadysttm.org or 513-753-2548 and she will find or create a group for you.

A typical virtual THE SEARCH gathering will take approximately one hour:

- 7:00 PM Group members watch the current THE SEARCH video on FORMED together via Zoom or prior to the virtual meeting. (25 minutes)
- 7:25 PM Brief break to allow those who watched the video prior to the virtual meeting to join the virtual group via Zoom for the discussion.
- 7:30 PM All join via Zoom for a group discussion of the video. (20-30 minutes)
- 8:00 PM End meeting and remind all of the next THE SEARCH video to watch.

Group hosts responsibilities

- Set up the virtual meeting in Zoom for the seven weeks, using the same meeting ID and password for all seven sessions. (If you need assistance in setting up a repeating meeting, contact Becky Ready at 513-753-2548.)
- Notify Becky Ready of your willingness to host a group.
- Send a weekly reminder to your group members of the upcoming meeting via text or email, with the Zoom meeting invitation and which video to watch for that gathering.

THE SEARCH Meeting Rules

- The host starts each weekly meeting on time, is welcoming, and invites those gathered to pray a simple prayer (provided).
- The host facilitates. No one teaches, corrects, or grandstands. The host ensures that social courtesy is maintained for the group. Everyone is encouraged to contribute to the conversation if they want to. And no one is pressured.
- All participants are invited to share their videos and are asked to mute their microphones when not speaking.
- When sharing THE SEARCH video with the group, the host selects the Zoom Meeting options to "share computer sound" and "optimize for full screen video clip."
- After the video is finished, the host takes a brief break to allow those who watched the video prior to this gathering to join for the discussion.
- The host ensures *THE SEARCH* questions (provided) are offered for discussion.
- The host ends the meeting in a timely manner.