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# E-Newsletter

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*Peace and all good in 2009 to all!*

*The NAFSCC E-Newsletters sent bimonthly to members*

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## Good News Column

### What's Going On with SCCs?

Share you good news what you are doing with Small Christian Communities.  
Contact NAFSCC “web person,” Carlette Chordas, Diocese of Youngstown:

cchordas@youngstowndiocese.org. She will put your ideas and activities on the NAFSCC website: [www.nafsc.org](http://www.nafsc.org).

## **Good News Column**

We want to hear what you are doing with Small Christian Communities in your dioceses to share with our members. Send in your events and activities to Sr. Marci Blum to be put in the e-newsletter. E-mail: [DBQCLF@arch.pvt.k12.ia.us](mailto:DBQCLF@arch.pvt.k12.ia.us).

## **Resources**

### **Small Christian Community DVD**

The National Joint Convocation of Small Christian Communities gathered in November 2007 in St. Paul, MN. A DVD is now available from the convocation featuring the main speakers: Fr. Art Baranowski, Elder Brian Rusche, Ssr. Katarina Schuth, Fr. Ron Rolheiser and Fr. Jose Marins. DVDS are available for purchase. Contact Br. Bob Moriarty at the Hartford, Connecticut Diocese. His email address is: [rkmoriarty@aol.com](mailto:rkmoriarty@aol.com)

### **Lenten Resource: Grace To You**

I am writing to you from the Faith & Life vicariate in the Archdiocese of Brisbane, Australia. For over thirty years we have developed resources for adult faith formation and catechetical ministry for children and youth. Over that time individual parishes or dioceses in the US have contacted us about some of these resources and programs.

Our 2009 Lent to Pentecost resource is titled *Grace to You*. We invite you to visit our web page [ <http://www.bne.catholic.net.au/lentprog09> ] [www.bne.catholic.net.au/lentprog09](http://www.bne.catholic.net.au/lentprog09) for information and samples about the resources available. We hope this information is helpful and would ask that you please pass it on to the relevant personnel in your diocese. I would be also interested to hear about your resources and programs.

**Lenten resources – *Grace to you***

Adult resource (64 page book and set of 2 CDs)  
*Grace to you – Lenten Reflections for Individuals and Groups*

The full color book contains material for six sessions with prayers, selections from the Sunday Lenten scriptures, reflections, questions for discussion and reflection. Each week features original artwork by Sr Mary Southard CSJ from La Grange in Illinois.

The CDs provide recordings of all the scriptures and reflections for each session as well as guided meditations and a mantra written specifically for the program. The web site has a audio sample of the mantra (mp3).

All our resources have an imprimatur from our Archbishop, John Bathersby DD.

Below is a testimonial from Wisconsin:

*If you want a sure-fire program for small group discussions this Lent, I strongly urge you to use 'Grace to you' from Brisbane, Australia. Our parish used the 2008 resource and found that the program was creative and lead to marvelous discussions and sharing about the Lenten scripture readings. The accompanying CDs included the scripture readings as well as insightful guided meditations. Our parishioners who had visual difficulties were able to use the CD to listen to the program. Parishioners enjoyed the program so much that I had to reorder twice because so many people wanted to become involved. Every person who evaluated the program asked me to use it again this year. When asked what they wanted to change about the program, every person responded, "Nothing!" A 100% approval rating by our participants should say it all!*

*Lee Ann Niebuhr*

*Director of Evangelization, Holy Family, Woodruff, WI*

The set of 4 CDs for the *Leader's Resource for use with Children and Young People*, Lent to Pentecost contains a wealth of material for use in Children's Liturgy of the Word, catechetical and classroom use (fourteen weeks). The first CD contains a Microsoft Word file for a 159 page book. Copies of hand-puts and prayers may be made for local use.

Orders are sent by air mail and take approximately two weeks; express courier 2-5 days. While exchange rates will vary, currently it is strongly in your favor, eg the adult book is \$8 Australian equates to US\$5.20. Please check on the day you order at sites such as [ <http://www.xe.com> ]<http://www.xe.com>

If I can be of any further assistance please feel free to contact me.

Yours in Christ,

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