

ST. HELENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Dear Friends,

We live in an increasingly secular society where the meaning of our faith and its relevance to our life becomes more and more difficult. Pope John Paul II has recently recognized this struggle and offered a direction for the Church: *"In a secularized society like ours, where religious indifference is spreading and many live as though God did not exist, there are multitudes who need to re-discover . . . baptism"*.

For the next two months, beginning October 12th at 7 p.m. in the small social hall, we will begin through a series of catecheses, which will continue Tuesday and Thursday evenings. A "catechesis" is a proclamation of the Good News of Christ to the people, not just as lectures, but as an experience of what it means to be a Christian in today's world. These talks announce the love and hope of Jesus Christ for each of us.

Most of us have been baptized as infants but never really had an adult formation in the faith. One such formation is through these talks, which will be presented by catechists of the Neocatechumenal Way. Everyone is welcome—those with faith, those who question their faith and those without faith.

Many married couples, young people, people mourning the loss of a loved one, others carrying heavy burdens and still others simply looking for a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ have been helped by these talks.

We invite all adults and young people [13 years and over] to take advantage of this opportunity. Maybe you know someone who is struggling with their faith or far away from the Church. They may be waiting precisely for an occasion such as this and all they need is for you to invite them to come and listen.

There is no fee, no registration, talks last 1 hour only—so **COME** and **LISTEN!**

We look forward to seeing you all starting Tuesday, October 12th.

In Christ,
The group of Neocatechumenal missionaries

Fr. Matthews