

March 24, 2022

Dear Small Group Facilitators,

First, we want to thank you for your courageous leadership! We have heard many stories, everything from instant success to struggles setting up the first meeting. Our Lord is smiling at your patience and tenacity with the process!

Here are a few positive responses:

- “I am honored to facilitate a group; I didn’t know this was something I could do!”
- “We have been waiting for something like this and it has been amazing getting to know new people from our parish and praying with them.”
- “This is going to be fun!”
- As I am writing this email, we have 12 small groups that are meeting and have given positive feedback. We have more people to place in groups and more work to do in several groups, but overall, this is ***exciting news!***

We have also heard your stories of difficulty. We are so sorry for those who made numerous calls, emailed, texted, and still received no response from people who signed up. The response to sign ups was huge (over 200 people)! We knew there would be some dropouts but that doesn’t make it easier for you. Rest assured that this is not in your control. Pray for those people who did not respond to your outreach! If you need or would like more people for your group or you need assistance making any changes, email: smallgroups@cathedralpb.com or text/call Beth Zanotelli.

Additional feedback:

- We heard some were struggling with the questions. Here is a link to the USCCB Lectio Divina for Lent and Easter. [Lectio Divina in English \(catholic.bible\)](#)
 - For April 24 – 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)
 - For May 1 – 3rd Sunday of Easter
 - For May 8th – 4th Sunday of Easter (Mother’s Day)
 - For May 15th – 5th Sunday of Easter
 - For May 22nd – 6th Sunday of Easter
- If you don’t have a consistent meeting place, please contact Jeanne Hogan or Beth Zanotelli. The groups that meet on Tuesday evenings please be respectful of the Religious Education groups. Tuesday evening groups please begin at 7:15 pm after the children have gone home. (Exception: the group of Religious Education parents that meets during classes)

The next facilitator meeting will be at the beginning of May (time and place TBA).

One last note. Please remember this is not a bible study and you are not required to “teach”. Your role is to facilitate the discussion by keeping the conversations moving and to help organize the meetings. Attempt to allow everyone in the group to talk. Keep the conversation focused on the Word. Refer to your Small Groups Field Guide and please don’t hesitate to contact Beth or Deacon Dave with any questions/concerns.

Thank you again for all you do, you are in our prayers! Please continue to pray for the Cathedral Small Groups!

Peace be with you,

Beth and Deacon Dave Zanotelli