

Living the Legacy Series

This series is a formation program for people who would like to know more about the charism and spirituality of our late Pope, John Paul II, that is, to learn how to follow Christ in JP II's footsteps. 'It is not just a process of intellectual formation because we open our lives to God working through the friendships that form within this online community.' M. Bernadette MG. It also serves as a time of discernment about whether God is calling the person to enter the MGs and begin formation to be a lay or consecrated member of the community.

What is involved?

We meet every 2 weeks for a video conference on Webex on Saturday 6pm- DC time (USA EST -05:00). The participants or members are from different countries and a variety of backgrounds. We begin and end with prayer and in between, there is a talk for about an hour and an hour for Q&A (and some group discussion). If you have questions during the conference, you are asked to type them in the box provided and a nominated member of the group will bring it to the speaker's attention. Notes for the conference are sent out in advance with related readings and Scripture passages to meditate upon to assist you in preparing for the conference.

During the video conferences you can hear everyone (max. 25 members) but see only 7 people. In order to know something about those that are involved and to help build community, each participant is asked to submit a photo and a short biography. Your email address is also shared with the rest of the group. You are welcome to contact the rest of the group through email, but are encouraged to use the online noticeboard attached to the website, where possible. There is also the opportunity to contact members through a forum on the community website. Materials from the course can be accessed from here also.

On the alternate weeks there is an opportunity to get involved in a smaller study/share group (this is optional). This is a chance to get to know some of the other members on a deeper level and to help one another to integrate the material being learnt. The meeting is organized by a local moderator who remains in contact with, and provides feedback to the organizer of the conferences. The time for this meeting (using Webex or in person) depends on the availability of the members of the group.

Duration

The first 'Living the Legacy' Series began in October 2011 and is a 12 month program. The next group will begin in the second half of 2012.

What is required

You would be required to attend the conferences every 2 weeks and send through an apology when you are not able to. You are also asked to do the suggested reading beforehand. Members need to be able to speak and read English. There is no cost involved.

Confidentiality

Each participant agrees to keep the notes and comments shared in the group within in the group.