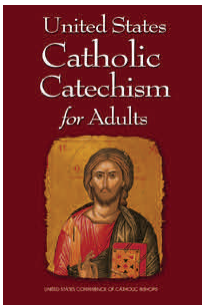




*The Catholic Diocese of
Belleville, Illinois*

Erected in 1887



Fanning the Flame

A Diocesan Wide 125th Anniversary Journey of Faith

Our Journey

On January 15, 2012, the Diocese of Belleville begins a yearlong journey of spiritual renewal called *Fanning the Flame*.

Together, we seek to strengthen both Catholics and those curious or drawn to Catholicism by exploring our faith: its richness, its beautiful diversity in unity, the witness of faithful followers across the centuries, and its relevance to the issues of the day.

Along the way we will help each other respond to our Father's call to lifelong conversion, holiness and eternal life.

Our Compass



Over the course of the year we will explore all 36 chapters of the *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults*, each with the assistance of either an

ordained or lay member of our diocese as our Chapter Guide. The content they contribute will compliment the chapters in different ways, inviting their unique and varied gifts and personalities to unfold.

Don't worry. You'll have plenty of time to digest each *Catechism* chapter with an accompanying Study Sheet, downloadable from the website!

One Journey, Many Roads.

Our Chapter Guides will provide resources that may be published in parish bulletins, *The Messenger*, and on the *Fanning the Flame* website. These supplemental aids will further equip a variety of different groups to fully enter into the chapters, challenging the participants on towards a deepening of faith.

Families and Youth Groups will benefit from special conversation starters to engage children and young people throughout the year, as well as "YouCat Connections" to the upcoming new Youth Catechism.

Small Christian Communities, either established or formed for *Fanning the Flame*, can also take advantage of the Study Guide published by *Our Sunday Visitor*.

Neighborhood, diocesan, school or parent groups might meet monthly to discuss the highlights of several chapters over a luncheon or evening meal.

Even if you follow along on your own you'll never be alone, all these resources will be available to you so you may progress along following the new weekly content ... on the blog or Facebook, or simply keeping a notebook with the weekly Study Sheets and your prayerful journaling.

Whatever road you choose, study, discussion, reflection and prayer will be a big part of your 2012!

Depending on the collective creativity of Chapter Guides, study groups and parishes, debates, one-act plays, art projects or even community service projects are all possible.

You're welcome to take the first step on the Fanning the Flame journey now. Please visit our website and become a Partner for Renewal. Also, find out about the Faith in Action Series that will prepare the way for our journey together.

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In belief.

In celebration.

In life.

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