

## Evangelization committee, Our Lady of La Salette

### Alpha;

The first night "Come and See" dinner was on September 23. We had 52 guests which added to the team and host/helpers who facilitate discussion at each table totaled over 70 in attendance. This was beyond our expectations. It was a mixed blessing because we had outgrown the space limitations of LC-2. Dinner featured Italian Sausage and peppers, green beans, salad and bread. Dinner was great! Almost every guest registered for the course.

Tuesday, September 30 was Session 1, "Who is Jesus?" Dinner was a fun Taco Bar in Cafeteria, DVD presentation in LC-2, and back to Cafeteria for dessert and (lively) table discussion. There were 51 guests in attendance and another 7 who were registered, but unable to attend that night.

That is the Alpha format, a shared dinner with companionable conversation, nothing "Churchy", A DVD presentation on a particular Christian topic, and table discussion in small group with questions to explore the DVD topic.

The small groups return weekly to eat and discuss together. Prayer is not added to the evening until week 4. While much of the downplaying of prayer and "Church" talk seems counterintuitive to many of us, the focus of Alpha is to make the least informed guest feel comfortable. We are largely parishioners during this Alpha offering, but it is really designed for the unchurched person or uninformed Christian.

This is our practice run and we are learning each week and adapting. Please pray for us. Next session "Why Did Jesus Die?" is October 7.

### Day of Prayer and Healing;

Saturday, October 4. **Day of Prayer and Healing** is sponsored by the Detroit Catholic Charismatic Renewal in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Detroit Office of Evangelization. It is open to anyone in the South Oakland Vicariate and hosted by OLLS. There will be praise and worship, teaching, scripture reflection and personal healing prayer by trained teams. Fr. Connell will be available for the sacrament of Reconciliation which is integral to spiritual healing.

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