

Books

Hurting in the Church, Father Thomas Berg

- Ultimately, this book is about hope for wounded believers: If you have been hurt in the Church, Jesus can take you on a journey through your wounds, a journey of healing that will make you an even better human being, a better Christian, and a better disciple.

Catholics Come Home, Thomas Peterson

- In a series of moving stories and personal anecdotes, Tom relates how after rediscovering his faith, he experienced God's unfailing love, and soon found his true purpose in life.

Divine Renovation, Fr. James Mallon

- A book all about a parish moving from maintenance to mission, and a great resource for helping your community reach the lost.

Programs

Alpha www.alpha.org

- Alpha is a very successful program spread all over the world. While not specifically Catholic it does an excellent job presenting the Kerygma in an engaging way. Participants share a meal, watch a brief film, and then break into small groups to discuss. This program is particularly effective at reaching those on the margins.

Christ Renews His Parish (CHRP)

- CRHP is a parish-based retreat program where parishioners can deepen their faith, take their spirituality to the next level, and change their lives forever. CRHP is a 2-day retreat where it engages parishioners to focus on key topics of spirituality, prayer, and sacraments. CRHP is an experience that takes you to the next level, a level of real relationship building with our Lord and fellow parishioners. What happens during the retreat for most participants is an awareness of Christ being in their own lives; not just in their past but the journey to their present and future. During the retreat, participants come to the realization that they are not alone in their joys and struggles of day to day life. Most people feel like something is missing in their lives. CHRP is an incredible experience that helps us discover what is missing and what we can do about it. It triggers faith and engages parishioners to take a more active role in living their faith. It motivates and gives us a sense of belonging to a family, the family of God. When men and women attend CRHP, it will inspire them, build community, and transforms parishes. CRHP works and in fact, it might be the most effective way to trigger engagement among Catholics today. Dynamic Catholic has absorbed the CHRP program and they now call it simply "Welcome" or CRHP 2.0 where more information can be found on their website.

Presence and Support Ministries at Saint John the Evangelist

- SJE has a wide variety of ministries dedicated to providing presence and support to those suffering. Contact Mike Lorenzo: Mlorenzo@stjohnparish.org for more information