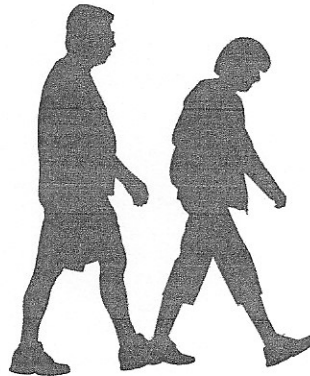

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ANNOUNCING A LENTEN BIBLE STUDY SERIES:

"WALKING WITH JESUS: LEARNING THE ART OF ACCOMPANIMENT"

What is 'Accompaniment'? Throughout his pontificate, Pope Francis has been speaking about how important it is for the church to accompany people through their challenges and struggles. This is more than just "being with" people. It entails deeply listening to them, supporting them, and helping them listen to how God is working in their lives. When we accompany others, we help them discern how God is leading them. Accompaniment is the work of parish leaders, but it is also the work of every Christian. We often encounter people who feel "stuck" in some way regarding Church teaching. They may be divorced, gay, or lesbian. They may have had children outside of marriage, had an abortion, left the church for a period, or missed receiving sacraments at the normal times. Parish leaders and other helpful parishioners encounter those who are experiencing grief and are in need of healing. Jesus never turned his back on anyone. As serious and dedicated Catholic-Christians, we are called to accompany anyone in need, and help them take steps toward God (even if they are small ones at first).



Learning More about Accompaniment: The purpose of this Bible study is not to explain Pope Francis' approach to accompaniment, but to instead offer a process for learning more about accompaniment from Jesus' example in the Gospels.

Here is the 4-session schedule:

FRIDAY MARCH 15: "ON THE ROAD TO EMMAUS"
FRIDAY MARCH 29: "ACCOMPANYING PETER"
FRIDAY APRIL 12: "ACCOMPANYING MARTHA"
GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 19: "ACCOMPANYING ACQUAINTANCES"

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