

You are invited to be a guest at the Holy Spirit Alpha Program

So, what is Alpha?

- Alpha is a space to explore the Christian faith and discuss your questions with people just like you.
- First there's **food**, then a video followed by discussion
- Alpha is a proven International Program. In 2021, 650 Alpha courses were run in a Catholic Context in Canada!
- It's **FUN!**

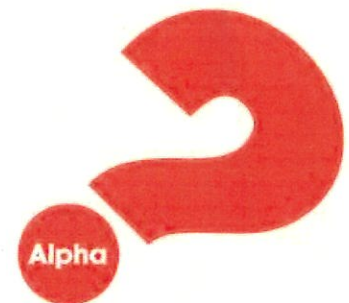
Why should you get excited about Alpha?

- **You will gain wisdom and knowledge** – as we unpack the basis of Christian belief about “Who is Jesus?”
- **Explore the big issues of life** - in a safe environment with no wrong answers.
- **Share your faith** - with new people and new friends as you discuss the good news of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.
- **Develop a deeper relationship with Christ** - You will have an opportunity to experience the Holy Spirit, which will strengthen your relationship with Jesus.
- **Live out your Baptismal Call** - You will get to experience the joy by seeing first-hand the work of the Holy Spirit. This joy may encourage you to live out your Baptismal Call and not just be a consumer of your faith.

Mark your calendars!

When: Thursday April 13, 2023, at 6:30 pm
Duration: Every Thursday evening for 11 weeks.
Where: St Matthews Worship Site, Holy Spirit Parish
For whom: Everyone and bring a friend

To register or if you have questions:
Email AlphaHolySpiritParish@gmail.com



*From your Alpha Planning team:
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Fr. David Martin
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January 23, 2023

Dear Fr. Martin,

As you are aware, we have engaged the Steier Group to conduct a planning study to gather feedback and insights from the clergy, religious and laity of the diocese about our proposed plans to restore our cathedral, to endow ministries for the future, and to allow each parish to address its own identified parochial needs.

We know God to be the giver of all good gifts (James 1:17) whose generosity inspires us to be generous in turn. We know, too, how pressing are the capital and ministry needs we hope to address as a diocesan church by means of a campaign. Gathering input in preparation for an effort of this size and historic importance is absolutely critical to ensure that we set a challenging yet attainable goal, that we structure the campaign in a way that inspires the greatest participation, and that we conduct a campaign that furthers our vision and bears tremendous spiritual benefits.

I am especially eager to see each of our parish communities experience a campaign as a blessing. The parish is, for the majority of the faithful, the central place of encounter with the Gospel and the person of Jesus Christ. From that encounter, the parish is also called to be a community that evangelizes and witnesses to the Lord.

Before we move forward into a campaign, I want to hear from you and your parishioners. The planning study will involve a combination of personal interviews, a mail survey also made available online, and a series of listening sessions at which we will discuss how a potential capital campaign fits into the overall vision of the diocese. More information about the study will be forthcoming. At this point, I request your assistance in two important ways:

- Please recommend 30-35 individuals or couples from your parish that you believe could help shape the goals of the capital campaign. The list should include your parish leaders, most engaged parishioners and - very important to gauge how we can do in a campaign - your strongest financial supporters. Further instructions can be found in the attached document.
- Please participate in a confidential, one-on-one interview with Dominic Felix of the Steier Group to share your thoughts, concerns, and suggestions regarding the potential goals and structure of the campaign. We will contact you in the next few weeks to schedule an exact time and date for this interview.

Thank you in advance for your support and participation. As my closest collaborators in ministry, the guidance and leadership of the priests of the diocese is indispensable to me and essential in our planning for the future.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. Christian Riesbeck, CC
Bishop of Saint John

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