

## Lent 2014: March 9 - 15

### Parish Small Community experience : Week 2 .....

(maximum 2 hours... but it can be less)

**1. Welcome.....**greet the members of your group. Let us be still in the presence of the Lord Jesus for a few moments.

**2. Introductions:** How was my week? Each person is invited to share something special which may have happened this week. Please be brief..... 2 minutes each person

**3. We will do things a little different this lenten season.** We will read sections of the Exhortation by Pope Francis, entitled: "Evangelii Gaudium". It is long, and we cannot read everything. We will read 2 or 3 excerpts each week. Read one section at a time. Here is what we will do:

**a) Read the first excerpt.** Do NOT comment on it. Be still and think for a minute or two. (the text is found on internet.... or we can copy it for you)

**b) Reread the excerpt.** Then, each person takes a moment to mention one word, or brief sentence which touched them. No comments... just mention the word. Do NOT rush. When someone speaks, take the time to absorb what they said. Then the next person can speak.

**c) Begin now to share** on what this passage meant to you. Give everyone a chance to share their thoughts. NO debates please. Just share your thoughts.

**d) When you have finished, go to the next** excerpt and do the same thing. Watch the time, so as not to go too long.

EXCERPTS for this week a) E.G #5

b) E.G # 6 and #7

**(Last half hour.....)**

**4. Now** read the gospel for Sunday, and the psalm. Take some brief time to comment on the scriptures together, if you have time.

Gospel: Matthew 17: 1 – 9

Psalm 33- the Word of the Lord is upright

**5. Before leaving,** take a few moments to think how you will put what you have heard today into action this week... either individually, or as a small community. Perhaps you can do something together.

**6. Time of community prayer together...** pray a decade of the rosary for your intentions