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Dear Friends in Christ,

We are called as Catholics to witness to the truth, that the fullness of life comes only through friendship with Jesus Christ. We exist as the Church to call those who have never met Christ to experience the power of his love, to know the grace of conversion.

Discovering Christ is a new evangelization program developed by ChristLife, a lay apostolate of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, to introduce people to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

For several years ChristLife has worked with parishes and other Catholic ministries to reach out to parishioners, lapsed Catholics, and the unchurched through *Discovering Christ*. The course, now available on DVD, is touching the lives of many and beginning to spread here in the Archdiocese of Baltimore and nationwide.

Consider Jen, a parishioner at St. Agnes Parish in Catonsville. Before participating in the *Discovering Christ* program, she was struggling as a young adult to live her Catholic faith. On the *Discovering Christ* retreat she describes a profound conversion:

“For the first time in my life, I was completely filled with the Holy Spirit. I felt a sense of calm and breathtaking love that is indescribable. All I could do was fall to my knees and cry at the overwhelming presence of God. I knew at that moment God wanted me more than anything in the world. He had patiently waited for me to come back to Him and yearned every moment of every day for me to find His light.”

Jen’s story reveals the hunger evident in every human heart for a personal encounter with God’s love in Jesus Christ. Jen is now actively involved in her Catholic faith and spreading God’s love to everyone she meets.

Please consider using *Discovering Christ* to ignite faith in your parish, campus ministry or small group. I pray that the Holy Spirit will guide your efforts to evangelize and bring many people to a vibrant friendship with Jesus Christ in the Church.

In the Lord,

+Edwin F. O'Brien

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