

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD PARISH *WARMINSTER, PA*

INVITING CATHOLICS HOME

Do you know someone who has left the Church? Most of us do not have to look very far to find non-practicing Catholics in our circle of family and friends. Many of us are concerned about these loved ones, but we don't know how to help them. Obviously, most of them are searching, but how can we help them find their way home?

As baptized, practicing Catholics, we have a precious gift of faith and love from the Lord that needs to be shared with our non-practicing brothers and sisters. First, we need to pray for them. Next, we need to extend a **personal invitation** to them to come home to the Catholic Church. Most non-practicing Catholics are waiting for an invitation to return. Many mistakenly think they are excommunicated and are not welcome to return for a variety of reasons.

Many non-practicing Catholics carry with them a tremendous amount of guilt and misinformation about the Church and are afraid of approaching the Church for fear of being rejected. You can make a tremendous difference in someone's life simply by reaching out to them and telling them that we miss them and would like for them to come back home to our Church family.

Here at **Nativity of Our Lord Parish** we have a special program to help non-practicing Catholics return to the Church entitled **"Inviting Catholics Home."** The series begins **January 9, 2012** in the Parish Conference Center (located in the building in back of the church, enter by door across from the green and yellow recycle bin) at 7:30 P.M. Please pass this article on to anyone who might be interested. For more information, call Charlie Scally at **267-884-2970**.