

Ananias Training

What is it?

Think of a life-changing experience you have had: perhaps it was a retreat you attended, a course you took in school, a ministry or small group of which you were part. What do you recall from the experience?

Odds are, what sticks out the most are not the location, the materials, the food but *the people who were there with you*.

Many conversion stories told about the saints include key people present at critical times in their spiritual journeys. For St. Ambrose, it was St. Monica and St. Ambrose. For St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, it was the Filicchi family.

And for Saul, who would become known as St. Paul, it was Ananias.

Think of the tremendous evangelizing potential if in the Diocese of Little Rock there are individuals trained to be an “Ananias” for another, in 1-1 encounters or in small groups.

Ananias Training is designed to help ordinary Catholics more fruitfully travel the spiritual journey together. Building upon the principles outlined in Sherry Weddell’s *Forming Intentional Disciples*, those who attend the training will:

- Learn about the thresholds of conversion
 - First, explore their own journey through the thresholds
 - Then, practice identifying the thresholds in the lives of others.
- Learn how to have a threshold conversation with another
- Encounter Jesus in his Great Story told in nine acts
- Learn how to share their story with another

How can I learn more about Ananias Training?

In March and April of 2019, the Diocese of Little Rock will host “A Vision: Ananias to One Another” This 8-hour experience will be offered three times in the diocese. Participants will have an opportunity to:

- Explore the evangelizing potential of trained “Ananias” in our homes, workplaces, communities and parishes.
- Experience an introduction to Ananias Training
- Receive a brief orientation to the Leaders materials.

See the back page for dates, times and locations.

Who should attend “A Vision: Ananias to One Another”?

- RCIA leaders and team members
- Youth ministers
- Those who lead small group ministry
- Evangelization committees
- Retreat directors and team members
- Those who work with RCIA and confirmation sponsors
- Leaders of hospitality ministry, and...

Anyone who feels called to raise up “Ananias” in their community!

*The Church will have to initiate everyone—priests, religious and laity—into this ‘art of accompaniment which teaches us to remove our sandals before the sacred ground of the other.—Pope Francis, **Evangelii Gaudium 169***

“A Vision: Ananias for One Another”

Central Arkansas

Friday, March 22, 2019 (7-9 pm) - Saturday, March 23, 2019 (9 am to 3 pm)

Location: Our Lady of the Holy Souls
1003 N. Tyler St., Little Rock, AR 72205

Northeastern Arkansas

Sunday, March 24, 2019 (9 am to 5 pm)

Location: Blessed John Newman University Parish
2800 E. Johnson Ave., Jonesboro, AR 72401

Northwestern Arkansas

Saturday, April 13, 2019 (9 am to 5 pm)

Location: St. Joseph Church
1722 N. Starr Dr., Fayetteville, AR 72701

Registration fee \$25 due the day of event; bring your own sack lunch. To register, or for more information:

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