

GIFT presents:

The Joy of Being Church

With Mary Osep as Adult presenter

**“The church is in Christ...It is the People of God,
among whom the baptized are called as ministers...
The role of the faithful is to be church in the world... “
[LG, various]**



Choose your time:

Sunday, April 30 from 11:45 am - 2:30 pm

or

Monday, May 1 from 5:30 pm - 8:15 pm

Lunch or dinner is provided.

Kindly call the Parish Office at (414) 545-4316 to register if you are not already registered.

***Mary Osep has served our community of faith at OLOL for 17 years as Youth Minister.
She is retiring on May 31. Come celebrate and share with Mary the ways in which her
ministry has impacted your faith journey.***

Joy!

**Please join us for this session to not only learn about Being Church,
but to say “farewell” to Mary.**

**Please RSVP to the Parish Office at (414) 545-4316
so that we can accommodate all!**

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Definition of Church

Church is defined as a building used for public worship. The Greek translation from the word ecclesia means a “called out” assembly. Whenever the word is used in the Bible the word refers to people.

Definition of Joy

Joy is the emotion evoked by well-being, success, or good fortune, a state of happiness, a source or cause of delight, gaiety, bliss.

The secret to being a joy-filled church is stated well by Pope Francis, October 31, 2014

“Unity does not imply uniformity, it does not necessarily mean doing everything together or thinking in the same way. Nor does it signify a loss of identity. Unity in diversity is actually the opposite: it involves the joyful recognition and acceptance of the various gifts which the Holy Spirit gives to each one and the placing of these gifts at the service of all members of the Church”.

We have celebrated the joy found in many aspects of our faith journey this year. In this final GIFT session, Mary will take us on a search for a fuller appreciation for the meaning and purpose of “belonging” to a church community.

We'll explore:

- ♦ Scriptures on Church
- ♦ Avery Dulles' *Models of Church* and how we live them at OLOL.
- ♦ Richard Rohr on *Church, Authentic Religion: Membership or Transformation?*
- ♦ Some of our joy-filled memories and experiences of church
- ♦ A challenge to be a church that cares for those on the fringes



**Please join us as we seek to be a church on the move,
a church that knows the story of Jesus' mercy to the outcasts,
a church with a mission to love one another.**

We show our love for one another not by where we stand but in what direction we are moving!

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