

# NEW WINE NEW WINESKINS

## Sample Talk for Sign-Up Sunday Presentation

*Encourage the speaker to make it personal. Practice ahead of time with the microphone.*

*Give instructions as to the process of how to Sign-Up.*

*This presentation is best when done by a person who has been a part of a small Christian community and is enthused about how her/his life has been impacted. Introduced by the presider after the homily is the best time but presenting after communion is also possible. This is the presider's decision.*

“Good (Afternoon, Morning, Evening), my name is \_\_\_\_\_, I have been a (name of parish) parishioner for most of my life, but many of you may recognize me as the person who usually sits (e.g. in the middle of the church with my husband and daughter on that side at the 10:30 Mass.)

Today I am here to say a few words about *New Wine, New Wineskins*.

Have you ever:

- Called a friend just to say ‘Hello’ because you know they are going through a tough time or are lonely?
- Said prayers for a family member or friend who is ill, lost a spouse or a job, going through a divorce?
- Given up your seat on the bus or train to a young mother or to an older person?
- Talked about a homily or gospel passage and what it meant to you with your spouse, child, parent or friend?

These are simple everyday examples of how we live our faith and share our faith with others.

*(Include a few sentences about your personal journey through the restructuring. It is important to emphasize how you came through the process on the side of positivity and hope.)*

For twelve weeks (or whatever is the agreed upon timeframe, e.g. two six week periods)—small faith-sharing communities of 8 – 10 people will gather in people’s homes for an hour and a half. Each group will be led by a fellow parishioner who has been trained as a facilitator. Small communities make it easier for us to reflect upon and deepen our faith, grow as a community and develop a closer relationship with God and one another.

***Through the process we will move from understanding ourselves as Christ-centered people of God who live the Paschal Mystery and can therefore embrace our re-structuring as a united community. (Show book)***

Each of you is invited to participate in any or all of the following ways:

- As a participant in a small Christian community – you can sign using the cards in your pews  
***(Show sign up card)***
- As a leader or co-leader of a small Christian community – let me know if you are interested
- As a host of a small Christian community in your home with someone else as the leader
- As a member of a prayer network – praying for the success of our process
- As a volunteer for child care during SCC meetings or as a driver

***(Include a sentence or two about your own small community experience and why do you see being in a small community a value in your life.)***

I strongly encourage you to consider joining a small community. There are many different times and places to choose from ***(Show sign up card)***.

In closing, on behalf of the parish staff and the members of ***New Wine, New Wineskins*** Parish Team; I extend a personal invitation to you to pray with and join us on this spiritual journey. It is a way to renew our faith, our parish community and our world.

Thank you.