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Dear Friends and Parishioners,

I am writing to ask you to consider seriously an invitation from me and from St. Sabina Parish community to be involved in a more in-depth ministry formation program. As a Catholic parish community we are committed to providing total and lifelong faith formation for all people. We take seriously the challenge of Vatican II to provide formation for our community so that we can all become "full, conscious and active participants" in carrying out the mission and ministry of Jesus.

To accomplish this, St. Sabina offers a parish based adult faith formation program titled, Foundations for Living Stones, along with a variety of other faith formation opportunities. The program explores the basics of our faith in greater depth and knowledge. All the sessions focus on the ministry that we are called to in and through our baptism. Communication skills, group development, leadership skills, bible study, church history, prayer and sacraments are some of the many areas explored and examined in depth. Adult methods of learning and reflection are employed throughout.

The sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings, from 7-9:30 PM, beginning in early September and ending in early June. Attached is a brief outline of the syllabus along with calendar dates and a bibliography. This is a 9-month commitment to deepen one's skills and knowledge so as to become a more effective and engaged minister. You must commit to the whole year, and not simply take one or two of the courses. We work collaboratively with other parishes, inviting them to be part of this mutual learning process as well. We are hoping to have between 20-25 people who would consider making this commitment for the year.

If you are interested and have the time and willingness to be part of this program, please contact us and we will send out an application packet. It involves filling out an application form, a letter of intent, a personal essay, a learning agreement and a readiness for ministry inventory. Once we receive your completed application, we will set up an interview time. For more information, please call the parish office and ask for either Kris 816-979-3151 or Biagio 816-979-3153.

Please take time to consider being part of this faith formation program. Both you and the parish community would benefit greatly from it. I look forward to hearing from you.

Much peace,

Biagio Mazza
Pastoral Associate
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