Why take a Smart ® Retreat of all-inclusive love?

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Upholding Natural Law for all mankind by offering free resources, Loquate is a charitable center for peace that uses technology for intentional community building. Its core competence is community. Its major public charity financial support comes to Loquate from those who believe in what Loquate does. Helping another accomplish that which they value the most is extreme value.

Loquate **Smart**® **small groups** work universally.

- A Smart® small group works in "unity for all" because it follows principles of Interfaith Dialogue and, as a Smart® group, it satisfies innate needs common to all mankind. Thru 12 steps members change themselves to increase satisfaction of innate needs of others, forming one functional group.
- Loquate's core competence is intentional community building. Its Smart® groups build community.
- And the greatest happiness or joy occurs Parish wide or community wide, in families, work places, villages, cities, towns and even nations, that uphold the innate needs of all!

Loquate Smart® small groups follow the Smart® protocol:

- self change, not changing another,
- relevant resolution story telling, not advice.
- satisfy innate psychological needs, put into us by our Creator, not ordinary conversation.

• Corresponding scripture (or internet search) is shared.

Principles of Interfaith Dialogue insure no proselytizing during meetings, and use of Smart@ Group technology insures "unity for all."

- Interfaith dialogue is first and foremost an attitude that is acquired as the result of listening to various points of view and ultimately forming one's own view of other religions. An attitude could be defined as a manner of acting or thinking; a disposition, opinion or mental set.
- Interfaith dialogue consists essentially in hearing each other. Interfaith dialogue is living together in spite of our differences. Differences make sense when they are well understood. Be respectful of differences.
- Avoid proselytizing during interfaith dialogue. Be true to your beliefs. State your own beliefs when appropriate.
- But mainly listen well, which means hearing an entire message.
- Build unity. Be united in faith in God, for love of fellow man, for peace on earth, and for the greater glory of God.

Officially Recommended!

The first to recommend the process is the Catholic Church "in unity for all." 2-12-2016 "Where Work Meets Faith is a unique, parish-based process that helps individuals encounter Christ, grow as disciples, and assists them in applying their faith to the work they do every day. I recommend it to any pastor as part of an overall strategy of parish-based evangelization." –Deacon Keith Strohm, Director of the Office for the New Evangelization, Archdiocese of Chicago

Open to all, this <u>Catholic Smart® Retreat</u> of all-inclusive love works Parish wide or community wide. The word catholic (lower case) means universal. The Catholic Church is the oldest Christian church. It literally dates back to the time of Christ. So the treasures of the church are people, the early followers of Christ who knew Christ personally. The Catholic Church rests its foundation on the tradition of the early Church followers.

The Catholic Church has been an amazing resource to many. It offers a considered opinion on many topics. The considered opinions are often reviewed experienced specialists. Just as one example, St. Robert Bellarmine answered Henry VIII in the 1500's on a more perfect form of government. St. Robert Bellarmine's work lasted so long that it was considered in the Constitution of the United States. Yet St. Robert Bellarmine was the authentic spokesperson in his day because of his knowledge and thought. Therefore his opinion in his day became the official Catholic opinion!

How does that happen? Who can agree on anything? Yet the strength of all is carried in the considered opinions of the Catholic church from the beginning of its own history to the present day. Encyclicals of today are one example. If you wish to find out what experienced specialists of today have found out, consider the Encyclicals.

Both Muslim and Jewish faiths rely on the Old testament. And in the last 2000 years, many experienced specialists from the Catholic church were also students of the

Old Testament. For example, someone needed to decide what writings should become part of scripture called the Bible. The Catholic Church from the beginning formed a gathering of scholars to study the writings and gather the authentic ones into the scripture. These were committed Christians who were the scholars of the day. Continuing through today this is called the Magisterium or teaching authority of the Catholic Church.

The alternative is every man decides for himself what to believe. The problem for one who teaches is that if any man teaches, who is to say that man's teaching is authentic for another man. Deliberation among men is needed. Discernment is needed.

Any person can take comfort in following on the shoulders of the pillars of that person's faith. Those shoulders are considered opinions. The unified considered opinion of many men is even more reliable. The Catholic Church rests on the Bible taken as a whole to form its considered opinions. So with the Catholic Church, official teachings are one, not many. This saves time and confusion.

So a Catholic retreat is chosen as authentic considered opinion relying on the Magisterium, the tradition of the early church, and the Bible taken as a whole to permit obedience to the word of God as one unified body of knowledge called scripture or the Bible.