

## Just Being Together

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Let's every so often enjoy Spirit-centered community just being together this summer.

Only community is peace,  
happiness, and joy.

To be clear, we must first seek Spirit-centered community to find the caring presence outside of ourself in unity for all. Participants in a Loquate Work Meets Faith Smart® group meet 9 times per year but not in the summer. We meet in community because we bring out the best in each other. We begin by using the words interchangeably, "That which we value the most for the common good," Spirit and God. This makes us open to all people.

**So? Now What?** It's easy. We gather for unrequired time together in the summer.

Our hosts ask if any wish to join a summer Spirit-centered community with no agenda save one. To acknowledge in some form the Spirit-centeredness of our gathering and

just be together.

Because our central purpose is to give witness to the work of the Holy Spirit in any way any person chooses, the group will be ecumenical, all inclusive, Christian, in unity for all, in the ideal of Ephesians 4:13 Good News Translation.

Eph 4:13 And so we shall all come together to that oneness in our faith and in our knowledge of

the Son of God; we shall become mature people, reaching to the very height of Christ's full stature.

**To participate, come to the home of your host on the date, time and location shown in the email inviting you to attend or join by Zoom. RSVP.**

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This gathering is unique. In addition to learning the word of God, we will apply it, forming what I call

a charismatic cross community.

Those communities that formed in the early church knew Christ. This knowing Christ made them endure all for each other. For no man has greater love for his fellow man than to lay down his life for another, John 15:13. Being in community with those who believe it is important to stay on track in facing our concerns about our handling of something coming to God is to be in a charismatic cross community.

So this group will be mentored by any experienced with the Loquate small group program and the host with no advance preparation making the environment safe sharing.

Participants will share what got them to this point in their faith journey.

The host shares a concern about their handling of some God thing at work entering a phrase describing their concern at

[www.SearchCatholicBible.org](http://www.SearchCatholicBible.org)  
a free website

Up on Zoom comes the chapter and verse in parallel internet Bibles, famous in the Christian tradition including the Imprimatur of the Catholic Church.

The person sharing the concern will pick only one verse most interesting to them and ask any person to share a relevant resolution story, not advice, regarding the passage. Applicable stories are more fun to share than advice. (You get better at triggering a story by relying on the Holy Spirit and taking a stab at your story.)

When the sharing is over, the person with the concern will share what alternative or combination of alternatives sounds best to them. Apply the Loquate primary values that satisfy innate needs and build community. Your example doing this is transformative in forming Spirit-centered community.

Spirit-centered community is what Loquate alone universalizes. When you satisfy innate needs and include an interdependence based on the Spirit, you have a more perfect form of God centered community. Doing so, you will tend toward quality of life defined as peace, happiness and joy for yourself, and increased sense of community in every group of which you are a part.

We will begin and end with a prayer.

That's it! Any others may share a concern, make prayer requests, share miracles first hand, and so forth by promptings from our host and/or mentor and at the end of our meeting invite any to share feedback on just being together in terms of quality of life, sense of community, and the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Your skills as a community builder will become enhanced naturally in this unique summer experience.

At the end of the summer on Sunday August 28, 2022, all locations will share zoom feedback at 4 p.m. immediately followed by a windup potluck dinner at 16195 S. Liautaud Road, Minong WI.

Click link - <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/423293996>  
(once on Zoom, choose "join with video," then Choose "call using internet audio.") Poor internet signal? You can always join us by phone at 312-626-6799 password 423293996.

Got any ideas. Share them with us when you are the host. We will try anything you suggest. Let the Holy Spirit lead us! More, Holy Spirit, more! Come Holy Spirit, come!

With warm regards.

Sincerely,

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Here is a real life example. I love going to Church and its perfect complement in a natural home setting was amazing. No preparation. Just outcome. Here is my real life example.

My God concern: "[discernment of spirits](#)."

**1 Corinthians 2:14 [Good News Translation](#)**

Whoever does not have the Spirit cannot receive the gifts that come from God's Spirit. Such a person really does not understand them, and they seem to be nonsense, because their value can be judged only on a spiritual basis.

I more fully described my situation. We are all called to be prophets. When I am

called to do something different, I act in faith. The problem is Satan can be there too. So how do I discern the spirits?

Whenever I am attacked by Satan it occurs because of fear and doubt. Fear and doubt bring on evil.

Viewing points: Don "Yes. If I don't stay the course, I get confused. My mom, Jane, was the most generous, caring person I ever met. She taught me to help out. So I use a simple test 'What would Jane do. I always try to act and help out."

Mary Ann "If I don't do something, then later on I regret 'Should I have done it?'"

Jeff "It is safest to act. Then Satan comes and tries to get me to second guess myself."

Gerry "I hold back when I think someone is trying to take me in a wrong direction. I am vindicated when my spouse comes back."

Jeff "Gifts of grace come from my spouse. Mary Ann says even today 'Why do you listen to me?' It is because God's favorite way of talking to me is through her. I have learned over 50 years to hear God by listening to her."

Felice "When the outcome is favorable, I am uplifted. Oh that was good!"

Sherry "I pray. That helps a lot. Prayer calms everything down."

Jeff "When I second guess myself, God uses even that as a learning experience for me. It really makes me think. So that when the fruit of my action serves His purpose, my action, I and my action, and God in me are vindicated. I have peace of mind again that can only come from the sword of truth. My community rises. The one I struck with my sword is saved if they hear me. It's a ripple process never ending."

Maggie "I was asked to be a sacristan on a retreat pre Covid on one floor getting

things in my wheel chair. The retreat occurred during Covid and the floors changed. I sat alone almost useless in my wheel chair doing nothing gazing at the cross. I thought, if He could do that, I can do this."

Don "I don't know how anyone can be a parent without being a Christian. Sometimes you just have to wait. As a Christian you have hope and can endure waiting."

### **Jeff's Witness to the Holy Spirit**

The grace that came to me was foretold in the first passage that came up as the fruit of the Holy Spirit 1 Cor. 2:14:

"Whoever does not have the Spirit cannot receive the gifts that come from God's Spirit. Such a person really does not understand them, and they seem to be nonsense, because their value can be judged only on a spiritual basis."

In this passage and in this meeting the gifts from all participating were their words inspired by the Holy Spirit as above. The Interdependence based on the Spirit was a seamless, unitive consciousness for me. Now I have to write down what they said so I do not forget. And unless I change I cannot be born again finding the [Christ Child](#) inside myself.

Like early Christian fellowship Just being together is more a home lay movement, pondering the Word and gaining viewing points. The essential was just being together, being one in the Word made flesh. I am reminded of our Smart® group goal "unity for all mankind" as found in Ephesians 4:13

"And so we shall all come together to that oneness in our faith and in our knowledge of the Son of God; we shall become mature people, reaching to the very height of Christ's full stature.

As host and a member of a Work Meets Faith Smart® group, I have

internalized the structure that permits total dependence on the Holy Spirit.

To the degree that I totally depend on the Holy Spirit is the degree to which the mystery of the Holy Spirit brings the Kingdom of God on earth that I might be in the Kingdom of Heaven in Heaven. Come Holy Spirit, come! More Holy Spirit, more!

In community any host publicly among trusted friends shares a concern about handling of some God thing, and through ordinary conversation friends will enlighten the host in ways never before seemingly possible.

Because we honor the Holy Spirit, our born again way is thorough, pure, and complete. The answers for me lie in viewing points of others in community with the Holy Spirit, principally shared experience in context of one's own life juxtaposed with the life of Jesus.

This encounter Just being together, Spirit-based, gives meaning to me. For example the host is not alone. Others struggle with these same things.

I have the collective experience gained from each member's life experiences. Just being together, acknowledging the power of the Holy Spirit as believers in Christ, sharing one scripture verse (often the first displayed) related to my concern, was more helpful than anything I possibly could have imagined. We were justifiably welded into a charismatic cross community.

Ryan, co-discoverer of innate needs sees "Amazing Convergence" with Loquate's primary values which get internalized as Smart® groups that satisfy innate needs. Like sailors eating limes to prevent scurvy, Smart® groups overcome the scurvy of the human spirit which is diminished motivation and well-being. Interfaith Smart® group members build

community in every group of which they are a part. We become ambassadors of community through course work and shared experience.

I rely on Spiritual Direction one on one from a priest. In a most powerful expression of viewing points from many individuals washed by the Holy Spirit, Just being together was the best spiritual direction I ever received. The one does not exclude the other and the early church communities had both.

I brought up facing death as an ultimate reality of Just being together, as if a member is plucked from our group by opposing forces never to return again, similar to the early Christian community as if a Roman soldier plucked the member to be fed to a lion, but more insidious because the Roman soldier never appears. The enemy is within our very self!

Even facing death the rest of us come back to meet again, giving witness to the Precious Blood of the Lamb, giving our testimony willing even to die. Our Smart® group structure is needed to stay on track interiorly. We are church of these times today now defined as a charismatic cross community.

Charismatic because of our interdependence based on the Spirit.

Cross because everyone had something important to say from their viewing point glorifying in effect my cross that I might lament no more.

Community because they were just the right people who were supposed to be there, just at the right time, bonded together for life everlasting. Community ambassadors live in unity for all mankind.

This is the Kingdom of God on earth, the highest form of community possible. What we do with this after we experience Just being together is spiritually to live or die.