

Personal Discernment about Small Community Involvement



Being part of a small community is a personal decision. You have chosen to participate this semester, but, whether to continue your participation or not is a decision that is still to be made. Below are some questions for prayerful thought or journaling and some information on how to share your decision with your leaders and/or campus ministry staff. Please respond prior to the date indicated in order to allow time for planning to take place for next semester. Place yourself in the presence of God pray the Prayer for Discernment prior to reflecting on the questions. No matter what your decision may be, may God be with you as you journey beyond this semester.

Prayer for Discernment

God of all creation,
you have given me much
for which to be thankful.
I thank you especially
for the communities you have given me.
Be present to me
as I discern my involvement
in a small community.
Be present in this time of reflection
as You were present in the Word
and in the members of my group
this semester.
Guide me to make the best choice for me
as I choose whether or not
to continue in a faith-sharing group.
Guide me also to make the best choice for me
as I choose whether or not
to continue in my particular group.
Be with each member of my group,
and of all the groups,
as they too choose the path
that is best for them.
I pray this in the name of the community
of Creator, Jesus the Savior,
and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Here are some questions to guide you through your discernment. If it helps, note elements of your responses in the spaces provided.

The most important part of my small community experience this semester was:

The most challenging part of my small community experience this semester was:

My experience of faith-sharing helped me to grow in the following ways:

My particular group has meant the following to me:

Reasons for not continuing with my small group:

Reasons for continuing faith-sharing:

My decision for the upcoming semester is:

Reasons for not continuing faith-sharing:

Because:

Reasons for continuing with my small group:

The following information is requested in order to plan for next semester, please e-mail this information to

prior to

Your Name:

Current Group Meeting Day/Time:

Based upon my reflection and prayer, I choose...