

COMMUNIO

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Dear friend of *Communio*:

Thank you for contacting us about the possibility of starting a *Communio* Study Circle in your area. We are very grateful for your interest in this new adventure!

The basic purpose of these study groups is to promote greater participation in *Communio* through reading and discussing texts from the review. Your group would serve as a means of helping individuals to explore the articles and as a way of building community (*communio*) among our readers. All of the practical details and work, such as contacting people, selecting a time and location, and choosing the articles to read, are left up to you. We would be happy to supply a list of local subscribers if you wish to contact them about joining.

What distinguishes the Study Circle is the *communio* spirit in which the activities are undertaken—being at once at the heart of the Church and at the center of the world. Within this spirit you can fashion your meetings according to the interest of the group. Most groups either begin or end their meetings with prayer (e.g., Evening Prayer) and many include a “social hour” for refreshments, or even hold their discussions over dinner. Feel free to try new things: perhaps your group would enjoy seeing and discussing a play, or reading a recent book together.

Finally, one of your most important practical responsibilities as coordinator will be to keep our office informed of the group’s progress (it is helpful to keep notes along the way!). Towards the end of each year we send out a letter to coordinators asking for a brief description of the discussions and activities you have enjoyed so that we can share this in our newsletter *Communiqué*.

Please drop us a note to let us know if it looks like the group will manage to get off the ground and we will then list your name and address at the back of the next issue. Thank you, once again, and best wishes in this exciting venture!

Sincerely yours,

The Communio Staff