

Ascension's Big Summer Read!



Pope Francis' new letter, *Rejoice and Be Glad (Gaudete et exsultate)* is a very readable, inspirational, down-to-earth reminder that all of us are called to holiness. In this exhortation, Pope Francis offers practical advice that every one of us can apply to daily lives.

We think this document is so important and readable that we've made it the feature book of

Ascension's (Hopefully First Annual) Big Summer Read!

Here's how it will work:

1. Order a copy of *Gaudete et Exsultate*. There are 3 options for this

- A) Order it through Ascension at a cost of \$7 (Ordering deadline is May 27)
Contact Cathy Magness (cmagness@ascensionkettering.org) or Joe Ollier (jollier@ascensionkettering.org) to place your order.
- B) Download it for free from the Vatican website:
http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco-esortazione-ap-20180319-gaudete-et-exsultate.html
- C) Purchase it yourself online or from your local Catholic bookstore

Books ordered through Ascension will come with Reflection/Discussion questions included. If you choose to download the document or purchase it on your own, we will provide those questions free for you as well. Just contact Cathy Magness (cmagness@ascensionkettering.org) or Joe Ollier (jollier@ascensionkettering.org) for a copy.

2. Join us for the Big Summer Read Kickoff on Tuesday, June 12.

At this gathering we'll:

- A) Give a little background for *Gaudete et exsultate*
- B) Pass out pre-ordered books and copies of the Reflection/Discussion questions

3. Join a reading group with friends, family or other parishioners.

You can read on your own, with your family at home, or with friends or neighbors. We don't care how you do that – just that you read it 😊

If you'd like to be in a group led by an Ascension Staff member, we'll have two options:

Thursday mornings at 9:45AM or Thursday evenings at 7PM:

- June 21 (chapters 1,2)
- July 5 (chapter 3)
- July 19 (chapter 4)
- August 2 (chapter 5)

4. Read *Rejoice and Be Glad* at your own pace or whatever pace your group sets, and use the provided questions for Discussion and/or Reflection

5. Join us for a Closing Session on August 7

Let us ask the Holy Spirit to pour out upon us a fervent longing to be saints for God's greater glory, and let us encourage one another in this effort.

-- Gaudete et Exsultate



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