



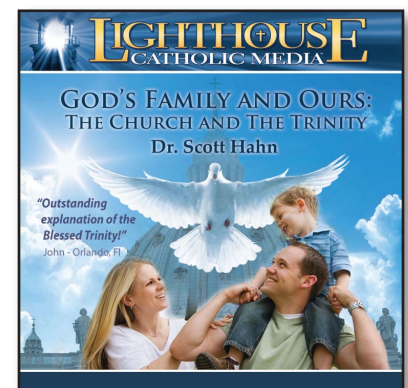
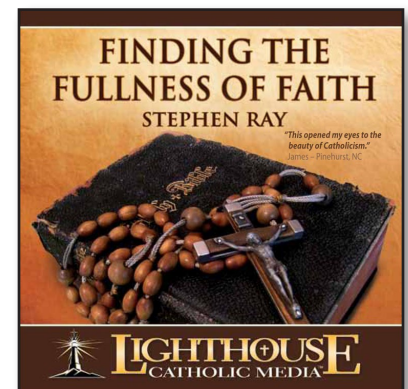
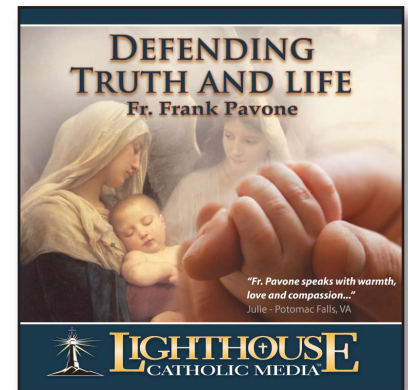
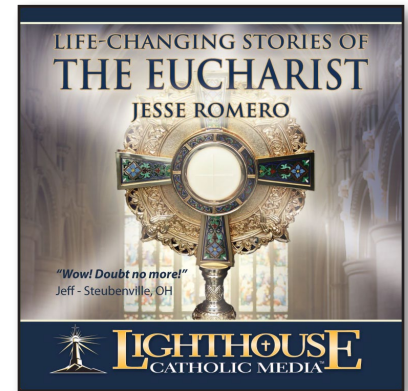
CD Discussion Groups

Organizing a Discussion Group

- Ask two or three friends if they would like to join a Lighthouse Catholic Media discussion group.
- Ask each person to bring a friend.
- For larger groups, put a notice in the bulletin, send out a group email, or ask permission to make an announcement at all the masses. We suggest that you break the large group into smaller discussion groups of ten people or less. Designate a group leader for each.
- Decide the date(s) and time. Meeting in participants' homes works well or, for larger groups, check the parish schedule to see when meeting rooms are available.
- Use CDs from the parish kiosk display or the CD of the Month Club. Each participant can subscribe individually and receive one CD sent to his/her home each month, or someone in the group can subscribe at a Level II or Level III and receive a pack of five or ten CDs each month and then distribute to the other group members.
- Encourage participants to say the suggested prayer before listening to each CD: *Dear Holy Spirit, author of the Holy Scriptures and enlightener of minds, hearts and souls, please open me to the truths you want me to learn as I listen to this message. Through Christ, Our Lord, Amen.*
- Invite someone to be a back-up leader in case you are not able to attend a meeting.

Leading a Meeting

- Start on time. Many groups will factor in social time fifteen minutes before or after the discussion.
- Offer small and simple hospitality, i.e., coffee or tea. Start with a prayer to the Holy Spirit. Suggested Prayer: *Come Holy Spirit, Divine Creator, True Fountain and Source of Light and Wisdom. Pour forth upon the shadows of our intellect a ray of your brightness, removing from us the double darkness of ignorance and sin, in which we may be. Grant us keenness of understanding, a capacity for remembering, method and ease in learning, subtlety in interpreting, skill in speaking. Guide the beginning of our work, direct its progress and bring it to successful completion. This we ask through Jesus Christ, True God and True Man, living and reigning with You and the Father forever and ever. Amen. (St. Thomas Aquinas)*



- Begin the discussion by reviewing the topic from the previous meeting. Encourage the group to discuss how they put into practice what they learned from last meeting's talk (see "Live It" question below).
- Encourage each person to discuss this meeting's talk and answer the following questions:



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Learn it	Live it	Share it
What message can you take away from this CD?	What did the CD present that you can apply to your life this week?	With whom will you share this message, or to whom will you give this CD?
What did you learn about the teachings of the Church from listening to this talk?		(When you share a CD, always ask for feedback.)

- End on time and close with a prayer. Adhering to start/stop times is crucial for those who need a babysitter or take time out from other responsibilities to attend.
- As groups begin to meet regularly, consider having each person mention their prayer intentions.

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