



As Catholics, we are heirs to a remarkable heritage. The history of our Faith is so much more than a list of facts and dates. It is a fascinating story of adventure, rebellion, tragedy, and triumph. A story 2,000 years in the making, one word best describes Catholic history: *Epic*.

Sign up now for this new, informative, and faith-building program. The program begins at St. Gertrude Parish on Thursday, January 7, 2010. The study will be held in St. Gertrude School’s “Holy Grill” from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. on most Thursday evenings (with some exceptions). Please consult the calendar of dates on the reverse side for a complete listing of dates.

Fr. George Schommer, O.P. will facilitate this 20-part series and supplement the video presentations with additional doctrinal and spiritual matter.

Materials Required: Each participant is required to purchase an Epic Study Set, which includes a Workbook, Epic Timeline Chart, and Epic Timeline Bookmark. The kit sells for \$29.95. However, arrangements have been made with The Catholic Shop in Madeira for participants to purchase the set at a 10% discount when paying in cash or by check. Please indicate on your registration form if you would like The Catholic Shop to order a studyset for you. The study set will be available after December 7.

Concerned you may not be able to make every study? Not to worry. A lending library CD may be borrowed to bring you up to date. Of course, you will miss Fr. George’s fantastic supplemental input, so you won’t want to miss too often!

No child care for this program.

Questions? Call: Fr. George Schommer, O.P. at 561-5954 or e-mail: churchhistory@stgertrude.org



 (Clip and fax or mail registration form to priory office. Retain information above and schedule on back for reference.)

Register online at: www.stgertrude.org

St. Gertrude Parish

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Registration: Epic: A Journey Through Church History

Please Print

Name(s) of participant(s):		
Address (including zip code):		
Home Phone:	Cell or Alternate Phone:	E-Mail Address(es):
Number of Study Sets The Catholic Shop should order:		

Limited to 150 participants

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Scheduled Meeting Dates

2010

January 7.....	Study #1
January 14.....	Study #2
January 21.....	Study #3
January 28.....	Study #4
February 4.....	Study #5
February 18.....	Study #6
March 4.....	Study #7
March 11.....	Study #8
March 18.....	Study #9
March 25.....	Study #10

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April 8.....	Study #11
April 15.....	Study #12
April 22.....	Study #13
April 29.....	Study #14
May 6.....	Study #15
May 13.....	Study #16
May 20.....	Study #17
May 27.....	Study #18
June 3.....	Study #19
June 17.....	Study #20

Make-Up Date: June 24, 2010

Classes meet in the "Holy Grill" (school cafeteria) from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Epic: A Journey through Church History is a captivating and fast-paced look at the story of the Catholic Church. Beginning with the lives of the apostles all the way up to the present day, *Epic* takes the immense history of the Church and simplifies it into twelve, color-coded time periods. In the course of twenty sessions, participants learn about the major people, places, and events that comprise the captivating story of Christianity. This Study provides participants with an understanding of Church history that enables them to have a greater sense of meaning and identity as Catholics.

The history of the Catholic Church is the story of our family. It is the epic story of our ancestors in the Faith—the heroic men and women who shaped civilization and spread the Gospel throughout the world. Knowing this story is crucial to our identity as Catholics. Just as we would uncover exciting and interesting stories of our ancestors through the study of our family genealogy, we can uncover our Catholic past through the study of Church history. Knowledge of our Catholic story helps provide meaning to the present, and the present determines the future.

Many in our society misunderstand and even attack the Church for its supposed past misdeeds. Topics such as the Crusades, the Inquisition, and Galileo are used in an attempt to discredit the Church and its role in the world. What is the truth concerning these events and persons? How can you answer the objections?

Teachers and historians Steve Weidenkopf and Dr. Alan Schreck developed *Epic: A Journey Through Church History* to help Catholics learn their family story and answer common objections about the Church. Utilizing the same structure as *The Great Adventure*, *Epic* divides the two thousand years of Church history into twelve time periods. Central to the program is the *Epic* Timeline Chart, which illustrates each time period and identifies the main events in Church history, culture, and politics, as well as the popes, martyrs, saints, and doctors of the Church. Each time period is color-coded by the main theme of the period in order to facilitate memorization.