

Update on CRHP process:

As of Dec 31 2012: 1263 parishes have participated in CRHP in 36 states, 99 dioceses and despite our efforts to the contrary, 5 other countries. Numbers are somewhat misleading since many parishes have been suppressed, clustered, amalgamated. CRHP is still supported by countless bishops, priests, parish staffs and lay people. In Matthew Kelly's latest book, he credits CRHP as one of the factors which breeds dynamic Catholics.

Last year, fifty-one parishes started CRHP/CRSP. The last ten years have been the most successful ten years in the history of CRHP.

All this has happened without any dollars spent on advertising. CRHP depends on the Holy Spirit operating through the people of God – word of mouth.

CRHP was first used in 1969 – and has continued ever since. Many other “renewal programs” have come and gone. CRHP has successfully stood the test of time.

CRHP is not a program – it is a process that starts *first* with personal spiritual renewal of an individual; *then* provides a time of adult faith formation, fellowship, and preparation for the next CRHP weekend; *resulting* in an experience of universally accepted Catholic lay ministry in the local home parish; and *finally* sends individual renewed Catholics into the life and ministry of the parish and diocese and community. Those parishes which send their CRHP people into ever continuing CRHP groups actually damage their CRHP process and their parish life.

CRHP began in Cleveland, spread to other dioceses in Ohio, then to Chicago and other Illinois dioceses, Indianapolis and other Indiana dioceses, St Louis and other Missouri dioceses, Covington and other Kentucky dioceses, St Petersburg and other Florida dioceses, and now Georgia, Virginia, Iowa, Texas, several western states, and Pennsylvania and into the northeast.

The current estimate/count of existing Catholic parishes in the United States is around 17,500 parishes. Around seven per cent of the parishes nationwide are already included in the CRHP family, leaving much room for further ministry.

There has been one major change over the years – the use of lay people in the ministry of spiritual director.