## **Discipleship Initiative - Catholics Come Home Georgia**

Catholics Come Home Georgia is an outreach initiative of the Archdiocese of Atlanta and the Diocese of Savannah, in conjunction with CatholicsComeHome.org, as a statewide effort, beginning this Advent, to evangelize those Catholics whose connection with the Church has become weak, broken or distant.

This evangelization effort includes an invitation and response from the Catholic community in North Georgia. The invitation will come in the form of high quality, thought provoking television commercials, shown on major network channels in the region. These commercials, produced by a national organization called Chatholics Come-Home.org, convey an inviting and positive message about living as a Catholic.

To those who contact us with an interest to learn more, we at Saint Mary Magdalene must be prepared to welcome them personally, as well as to answer any questions and help guide them in the right direction. Friends, neighbors, family members, and parish-ioners will provide opportunities to help people establish or re-establish a relationship with Jesus Christ --- in the body of believers, that is --- the Catholic Church.

Commercials will start to be televised in December to the end of January. There are many reasons why someone may have left the church and we must be sensitive to their needs. To learn more please check these excellent resources:

www.CatholicsComeHomeGeorgia.org www.archatl.com www.catholicscomehome.org www.smmcatholic.org

We, at Saint Mary Magdalene, need to be ready to serve when someone walks in our door. To assist us in this direction... three different workshops will be held to train our "Ministries of First Impression". <u>All ministries heads and members of the ministries below are</u>

required to attend one of these following workshops

Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup> ,10:00 AM Saturday, November 27<sup>th</sup> ,10:00 AM, Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 PM

Welcome Committee , Ushers ,Sacristans All SMM paid staff and office volunteers R.E. Catechist , E.M. to the home bound RCIA teams. Confirmation teams, Teen Mentors Discipleship Initiative, Returning Catholic Teams, Baptism Formation PAC, FAC RSVP for the session you will attend <u>lindalbarry@starband.net</u> or 770.253.6332