

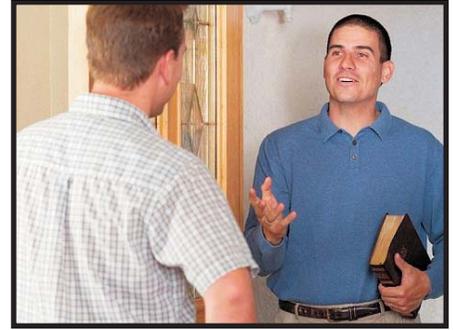
Want to Answer Questions from Protestants with Ease? Want to Understand Your Catholic Beliefs Better?



**Answer questions
from coworkers?**



**Answer the
questions your
children have?**



**Defend your
Catholic beliefs?**



**Explain the faith
to grown children?**



**Discuss the faith
with your friends?**

Join us for

Explaining the Catholic Faith to Protestants

Each session, we'll view parts of the video "Common Ground", a conversation between Fr. John Riccardo and Rev. Steve Andrews, during which Fr. Riccardo explains Catholic beliefs in a way that can be best understood by Protestants. We'll use the Study Guide for the video series and other materials to learn our faith better and discuss how we can share it with our friends, family, and others.

We will meet every other Sunday, beginning November 7th at 6:00 pm. Each session will last about an hour and a half.

We anticipate completing the DVD and Study Guide in four sessions. We hope to have a dinner with the final evening class, as well as to address any questions you have that were not covered in the series.

Join us beginning November 7th at 6:00 pm

The Background Story of the Common Ground Video

The story begins with a large Evangelical Church in Troy, Michigan called Kensington Community Church. A few years ago some members and leaders at Kensington became disturbed by the bad rap that a number of the ex-Catholics attending Kensington were giving Catholicism. While the leadership was not going to become Catholic by any means, they definitely considered Catholicism a significant part of Christianity and thought there was a lot of miscommunication and misunderstanding taking place.

To help clear up the misunderstandings, the leaders at Kensington had wanted Fr. Riccardo to come and talk during their Sunday morning services. But because Fr. Riccardo was busy with Sunday Masses, they decided to videotape an interview and use that in their services.

The interview was conducted by Kensington's lead pastor, Steve Andrews, in the sanctuary at St. Anastasia, right in front of the Blessed Sacrament tabernacle. Pastor Andrews asked about, and Fr. Riccardo cleared up, many of the misunderstandings that Evangelicals and Protestants have toward Catholicism. Fr. John also suggested some important things that Catholics can learn from Protestants.

Large portions of the interview were played before the Kensington congregation on two Sunday mornings, and over the next few weeks over 2,000 copies of the interview on DVD were sold through the Kensington Church's bookstore. It was then picked for national distribution, and has been shown on the protestant Trinity Broadcasting Network as well.

It has been broadcast by Catholic and Protestant television networks around the world. With the Study Guide, it is being used in Bible studies, catechism classes, schools, and prison ministries all over the U.S., Canada, and some in Europe. At Lourdes, we use the video as part of the RCIA process, as well as during parent sessions for the sacramental preparation.

