

St. John Church Celebrates St. Paul

St. John Church and St. Thomas More in Darien are offering in-depth study of the life and writings of St. Paul in honor of the Year of St. Paul.

Pope Benedict XVI has declared June 28, 2008, to June 29, 2009, the year of St. Paul, in celebration of 2,000th anniversary of the birth of St. Paul.



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The program is titled "In the Footsteps of St. Paul." The Bible Study Groups will meet weekly September through May and study the apostle's life as told by St. Luke in Acts of the Apostles, as well as the epistles he wrote to the earliest Christian communities he founded in Thessalonica, Philippi, Galatia and Corinth.

A total of three groups are offered: one at St. Thomas More and two at St. John. The groups are lead by Maryann Knag, M.A.T., M.A.R., of Darien. Knag is a 37-year resident of Darien and a member of St. Thomas More

Parish. She is a career teacher with a degree in Bible, Hebrew and Greek from Yale Divinity School. She brings her strong academic background to illuminate the ancient writings, history and cultures, balanced by an effort to promote personal spirituality and evangelism. The approach includes readings followed by wide-ranging discussion.

"St. Paul often uses the athletic metaphor of 'running a race' or 'running for the prize' to describe his discipleship," said Knag. "And the prize is eternal life. Let us run the race with St. Paul this year." All are welcome—no registration is necessary. Participants are asked to bring a Bible.

The St. Thomas More group meets on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 to 11 in the Rectory Annex, 374 Middlesex Road, Darien. The St. John groups meet on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8:30 in the O'Brien Room of the Parish Center and again on Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 11 in the lower church, 1986 Post Road, Darien. For more information, contact Knag at 213-4809 or mmknag@aol.com.