

From the Light of the Paschal Candle ...

ARISE Together in Christ is essentially a spiritual process. Guided by the Holy Spirit, each of our parishes has answered the call of Christ through Archbishop Albert LeGatt, to come together in small faith-sharing communities to receive the Word of God and share our faith experience with each other. You have worked together in the hope that many will answer this call to share the faith and grow closer to Christ.

To the light of the ARISE Parish Teams ...

From the Light to the light ... With the light of the Paschal Candle, a symbol of our baptism, new light at the Easter Vigil, the light of Christ - a candle is lit that will be given to each ARISE Parish Team by Archbishop LeGatt. May the light of this candle return to all parishes to spread the light. Parish Teams are encouraged to light this candle at each of their planning meetings as a symbol of unity with all ARISE parish teams in the archdiocese.

To the light of the Small Faith-Sharing Communities ...

On Sunday, October 14, it is suggested that, as part of a commissioning ceremony for small community leaders, this light be shared with each of them. Each leader can be offered a candle that you light from the ARISE candle that was lit from the Paschal Candle - so that we may move "From Light to light," all in union one with another. May the light of Christ thus radiate every time the candles are lit for faith-sharing meetings.

This candle ceremony may be incorporated with the Commissioning Ceremony suggested in Handout 16 of your Parish Team Handbook.