

## Preview Sheet: Relationship with Christ

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Remember the AT+T commercial from a few years ago that presented a concerned wife asking the attending nurse if the surgeon about to operate on her husband was really competent, to which the nurse replies, “He’s okay.” Okay? This commercial ends with the declaration: “Just okay, is not okay.” Watch it at: [AT&T Wireless TV Spot, 'OK: Surgeon' - iSpot.tv](#)

Well, how about your discipleship, your relationship with Jesus Christ? How would you evaluate it? Is it “just okay”? Can it be better? How does your relationship with Jesus impact your involvement in ministry? How can you and I help others become better disciples? That’s what we’ll pursue in this class.

To prepare for this class, please read *Rejoice and Be Glad / Gaudete et Exsultate* by Pope Francis. You can find it on the Vatican website at:

[http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost\\_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco\\_esortazione-ap\\_20180319\\_gaudete-et-exsultate.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20180319_gaudete-et-exsultate.html)

You can also buy it online for a reasonable price. It’s fairly brief and really an easy read that offers wonderful insights into our call to holiness.

To start our conversation on holiness in Christ, I offer you two quotations to prayerfully consider as to your own relationship with Jesus Christ:

**“I invite all Christians everywhere, at this very moment, to a *renewed personal encounter w/ Jesus Christ*, or at least an *openness* to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unfailingly everyday.”** Pope Francis, *The Joy of the Gospel*

**“Being incorporated into Christ means becoming totally reborn, ... [it] involves dying w/ Christ, becoming dead to the power of sin, and living an entirely new life ‘in Christ.’ It means surrendering to the power of Christ in such a way that one allows the risen Christ to direct completely his/her life... In essence, it is a mutual indwelling of Christ in the believer and the believer in Christ.”**

**Fr. Ron Witherup**

May God bless you in your prayerful preparation for this class.

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