



Preparing Small-Community Leaders

The *ARISE Together in Christ* small-community leaders are invited into leadership by the *ARISE* parish team. These small-community leaders will facilitate and guide others in the *ARISE* process. They will provide pastoral care and service to their communities. The more effective the leader, the richer the experience will be for the participants.

Small-community leaders should be

- caring and hospitable
- active listeners
- open and approachable
- committed to their relationship with God
- mission oriented

To assist the small-community leaders in their ministry, the staff of RENEW International with the support of the (arch)diocesan coordinator will provide **leader formation workshops** before each season. Key components of the workshops will be facilitation skills and theological overviews of each Season. These workshops will be held in each region of the (arch)diocese, allowing for easy access and opportunities for inter-parish networking among the leaders. In addition, other workshops and events will be offered to enhance the themes of the seasons, to respond to needs that arise and offer enrichment.

The handbook *Sowing Seeds: Essentials for Small Christian Leaders* offers a wealth of pastoral insights and practical suggestions for leaders of small communities as well as ideas and strategies to help enhance the process of faith sharing. Every small-community leader should have a copy to use throughout the process.

Every small-community leader should be registered on the RENEW International website, www.renewintl.org. Please see instructions on page 65 of this handbook.