



## **Sample Letter from the Pastor** **presenting ARISE briefly and advising of the visits**

***This should be printed on the parish letterhead stationery***

*Date*

Dear Parishioner,

Our (arch)diocese is beginning a wonderful process called ***ARISE Together in Christ***. This process will involve all the parishes of the (arch)diocese, the religious houses, campuses, schools, and religious-education programs. It is a total parish experience designed to spiritually renew us while providing opportunities for us to grow in faith and community. It is a way to move into the future as a Church of hope.

The heart of this process will be the gathering of small groups of people in homes to read and pray with the Scriptures. RENEW International will provide training for those who will lead this process in our parish. We are hoping as many people as possible will see this as a moment of grace and will participate.

We would like to have been able to explain the ***ARISE*** process to everyone individually but, given the size of our parish, this is not possible. However, we will be visiting as many of our parishioners as we can. This is why I am writing to you. Representatives from our parish will be visiting (*list section of parish*) sometime within (*insert dates*).

Please welcome these representatives when they come to your home. They come in the name of Christ and the parish. I know how busy you are, and if they come at an inconvenient time they will be more than happy to return at another time. They simply want to share a brief explanation of ***ARISE Together in Christ*** and answer any questions. If you have any concerns, please call me at the rectory.

Peace,

Sincerely in Christ,

*Pastor's signature*