

'Soundings' - An Irregular Seminar Series

Offered by Coracle and partners

The "Soundings" seminar series are times set aside to consider together topics that are important for our society, for the Church, and for our own spiritual journeys. To 'take a sounding' is a nautical term about using depth to determine where you are and where you're going. These seminars are designed to help us do just that.

"Engaging 'Laudato Si' by Pope Francis"

Tuesday, October 20, 7.30pm-9.15pm

with Fr. Fred Edlefsen, Rev. Bill Haley, and Mr. Soren Johnson at **Saint Agnes Catholic Church** in Arlington VA
offered by **Coracle** in partnership with **The John Paul II Fellowship**

It's the most important personal letter written this year, with the widest audience. Pope Francis' most recent encyclical "**Praise Be To You**" is intended for every person on the earth, for the sake of the earth, "our common home". But the Pope's thoughts are so much broader than simply the Christian discipline of creation care, encompassing theology, economics, anthropology, science, and spirituality all set in our contemporary moment. The letter is for the sake of the earth, but more so for God's sake, and our sake, and for the sake of others. It's a soaring and thrilling document.

At this Soundings Seminar we will explore some of the major themes of the letter, and highlight some of its particular invitations to all Christians. Fundamentally, the letter is intended to draw us to God, and enable us to live as Christians who steward and serve all that God has made. We'll discuss how.

'Sou-n-ding-s' :

a nautical term; using depth to determine where you are and where you're going; refers to navigating on a journey

Fr. Fred is the senior priest at Saint Agnes, Bill Haley is the Executive Director of Coracle, and Soren Johnson is Special Assistant for Evangelization and Media for the Diocese of Arlington.

We hope you'll come out for this very special and important offering. Donations to Coracle are very much appreciated and will be collected that evening and shared with the The John Paul II Fellowship. [Email us](#) if you need information, and feel free to invite others. [RSVP here](#) or just show up!

"Unwrapping the Gifts: A Little Jazz, a Lotta Jesus, and Some Carols"

Thursday, December 10, 7.00pm-9.00pm

at 3021 North Dickerson Street in Arlington VA

The gifts of the Advent season are many, and this will be a special time together to unwrap some of them, and some surprise ones. On this most unique Soundings Seminar—part concert, part Christmas party, part Advent reflection—we'll offer a series of Christmas songs and carols with a guitar played in a lot of ways and who knows what else! Bill Haley will offer some brief thoughts on Advent and end the evening with a surprise gift.

We hope you'll join us for this very special and beautiful evening. We'll have festive goodies and beverages. [Email us](#) if you need information, and feel free to invite others. So we know how much food to prepare and drinks to buy, [RSVP here](#).