



### **BRANCH FACILITATOR**

(Two or more Branch Facilitators are recommended)

The Branch Facilitator oversees and coordinates the business and activities of the Branch, shepherds the Branch, prepares and presents Spiritual Reflections for the Branch.

#### **The Branch Facilitator will:**

1. Have love for the Lord, love for God's people, love for God's Word and be committed to The Cornerstone Catholic Scripture Study.
2. Have served as a Branch Facilitator-in-Formation.
3. Develop his/her personal spirituality through daily prayer, participation in the sacraments, guided spiritual direction, Scripture study, spiritual reading, etc.
4. Pray daily for The Cornerstone Catholic Scripture Study, the Branch, the Branch Ministry Team and the Branch members.
5. Lead the weekly Branch Sessions.
6. Shepherd members of the Branch Ministry Team.
7. Prepare and present 15-20 minute Spiritual Reflections to be given at the weekly Branch sessions using Scripture, The Cornerstone commentaries and other supplemental materials. (Refer to Spiritual Reflection handouts - Section SR) Strive to include the historical and theological background of Scripture, as applicable in the Spiritual Reflection and to share personal reflections relating the scripture passage to daily living.
8. Facilitate the Core Ministry Team meeting session, which includes Branch business, sharing answers of the week's study questions and shared prayer and occurs prior to the general Branch session.
9. Shepherd Ministry Team members through frequent personal communication and attention to individual needs.
10. Prayerfully discern and choose members of the Core Ministry Team and Branch Ministry Team. This will include conferring with the prospective members' Small Group Facilitators and others in the Small Group who might provide valuable insights concerning the individual.
11. Schedule Ministry Team activities to foster group unity and promote fellowship (i.e. luncheons/dinners, retreats, summer activities, etc.).
12. Inform Co-Branch Facilitator of impending absences.
13. Review and approve all decisions for the Branch and all printed materials, announcements and presentations given to the membership.
14. Oversee the Focus Ministry and preview all Focus presentations.
15. Communicate regularly with Shepherding Board Branch Mentors.
16. Assist and mentor the Branch Facilitator(s)-in-Formation as they discern their call to ministry and develop necessary skills