

## Javouhey House Sisters and Bible Study Group Gather Aquidneck Islanders to Hear Father David Reid, SSCC "Beauty in the Gospel of Luke"

Sister Marie Cooper

With energy, enthusiasm and wit, Fr. David delighted his audience with insights into how Luke set forth the Good News for a faithful and struggling community.

In his words, "Luke demonstrates how Jesus de-uglified". He dealt with the ugly, coming on the margins, breaking down barriers, and reversing human expectations proclaiming that God's promises are fulfilled. *The blind see, the lame walk.* (Luke 4) Luke's "way of beauty" reveals how those "demonized" by society like Zaccheus could come into harmony with God. Mary's Magnificat sings of this reversal and of the harmony of the Kingdom: God's promises are fulfilled.

By popular request, Father David will return on February 20, 2020 for another talk.

*We are most grateful to St. Lucy Parish for their warm welcome, to the members of our bible study for their support, and to all who made a free-will offering.*



Father David with Pat Callahan

Photos: Sister Marie Cooper

Yes, it is a small, small world! When Pat Callahan learned of Fr. David's upcoming talk through Joan Galvin, a member of the bible study group, she was delighted. Why? Her uncle Frank was the first American member of Father David's community, the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts. Meeting Father David, who knew him, and reminiscing about her favorite uncle after the talk brought her excitement and joy.

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