

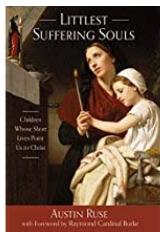
## **Summer Book Club**

Read the book on your own and then join us to discuss!

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**Tuesday, July 11, 2017 7:00 to 8:30 PM Annex Room #1**

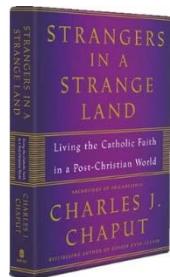
### **Littlest Suffering Souls: Children Whose Short Lives Point Us to Christ By Austin Ruse**



It is said that children learn what they live. But children also teach the adults in their lives lessons on subjects such as unconditional love, self-sacrifice, self-forgetfulness, patience and more. The ordinary way an adult learns these things from his or her children is by caring for them. Every parent knows that. But some extraordinary children seem sent by God to teach us about the big questions such as life, death, suffering, and the existence of God. The children in this book, all of whom suffered terribly during their short lives, bore witness to God's love and an understanding of the meaning of suffering. This book will make you cry, yes, but the tears will be mixed with something akin to joy at the beauty of the short lives of Brendan, Margaret, and Audrey, and awe at the grace and dignity with which they bore their crosses, lived and enjoyed this life, and ultimately left it to be with the God they all loved. In this time in which there is so much despair and sadness, and in this world in which we are so frequently reminded that it can truly be a vale of tears, let the Littlest Suffering Souls remind you that this present life is not all there is; let the Littlest Suffering Souls point you to heaven and to Christ.

**Wednesday, August 9, 2017 7:00 to 8:30 PM Annex Room #2**

### **Strangers in a Strange Land: Living the Catholic Faith in a Post-Christian World By Archbishop Charles J. Chaput**



Here is a bold critique of today's America, a provocative look at the post-Christian public square and the gradual erosion of the religious faith and freedom that have marked it for so long. At the same time, Archbishop Charles J. Chaput offers prophetic, empowering guidance on how Christians – and especially Catholics – can successfully overcome these challenges and not merely survive but reclaim the joy, the beauty, and the grandeur of life in the world. Readers are encouraged to use the study guide that has been released to deepen your reflection of themes in the book.