

**BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY**

***One of the "corporal works of mercy" is to "comfort those who mourn". We offer help and support to people overwhelmed with the emotions of the natural grieving process after the death of a loved one.***

<b>WHEN:</b>	<b>Every Wednesday evening</b>
<b>WHERE:</b>	<b>Convent meeting room</b>
<b>TIME:</b>	<b>7:30 to 9 PM.</b>

Refreshments are served.

***Pastoral Volunteer Opportunities:***

Administrative duties include keeping lists of members, potential members, sending out letters of invitation, making outreach phone calls. Someone needs to set up the meeting room, make coffee, and clean up after the meeting. The general membership share their experiences with each other, and listen and provide support to each other.

***Qualifications:***

Having experienced a bereavement is helpful. Have a sense of compassion and understanding, and have good listening skills. Taking a course in bereavement counseling is very helpful, as several volunteers have done when the diocese offers it. This person works one-to-one with new members. We need a few more volunteers to help with administration of this ministry. If you're a compassionate person, please consider helping us.

*Our Lady of Grace* is affiliated with **Catholic Charities**,  
and is open to persons of all faiths.

**H**elp through the grieving process is available for anyone who is trying to cope with the death of a spouse, parent, sibling, child, or any loved one. Come to a meeting. We can help you, as we share our mutual experiences.

***For the future:***

We would like to expand our ministry to include a "Ministry of Consolation" that would act *immediately* upon a death to help plan the funeral liturgy or provide assistance during this devastating time.