

Social Ministry Information

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Ministry: Bereavement Follow-up [AS NEEDED] – SEE BELOW *

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Backup to Leader: None

Ministry Purpose: Provide follow-up support to parishioners after the death of a family member.

Activities: The ministry was started in 1990 as a way of helping those dealing with the grief and problems associated with the death of a spouse or family member. Symposiums and individual sessions were conducted with a focus on “problem solving,”—dealing with specific problems that are preventing the individual from moving on through the grieving process. In some cases the individual had “stalled” as much as two years after the death and could not deal with problems.

Number of Participants: Linda Dicus and Mary Trotta were the two leaders of this ministry. Mary resides in the Parish only during the winter months now, and is not involved in the ministry.

Challenges: The need for this ministry seems to have diminished. People stopped signing up for the symposiums and people are not calling for help. Linda will meet with someone when she receives a referral from the Parish.

Special Needs from Parish:

* The Bereavement Team will be informed that Linda is willing to provide support to parishioners on an as-needed basis.