



# **DIVORCED AND SEPARATED Ministry**

## **MINISTRY DESCRIPTION/OVERVIEW:**

The Divorced and Separated Ministry reaches out to those who are going through this challenging time in their lives. Members offer support and encouragement to hurting members and aide in the healing process. This ministry is open to regular support groups as the need arises.

## **ACTIVITIES OF MINISTRY:**

- Be available to meet one on one with people who express the need to talk with someone about the experience of being separated or going through a divorce
- Walk with people who need healing after a divorce or separation through face to face meetings or phone conversations
- Notify people about the Diocesan programs
- Make pertinent information available through our web site and in the bulletin as needed
- Make regular announcements in Bulletins, both Our Lady of Mercy and other local churches

## **EXPECTATIONS OF MINISTRY:**

- The members of the ministry meet at least once a year to update resources and share information
- Plan appropriate meetings or events for parishioners
- Be aware of self-help books and websites and share the information as needed
- Advertise the Diocesan Divorced Ministry and the Transitions Ministry

## Witness Statement 1:

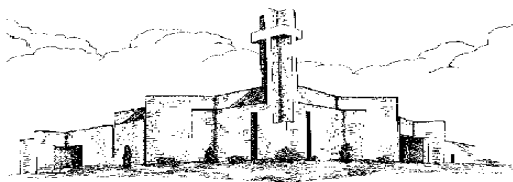
*Having been through the struggles and pains of a divorce, this ministry is very close to my heart. It gives me the opportunity to share my experience, lend encouragement and support and answer any questions that are sometimes uncomfortable to ask. This exchange gives me a true sense of ministry.*

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## Witness Statement 2:

*I just needed to talk to someone who knew what I was going through. It really helped me.*

Anonymous



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