

Vicariate I Ministry Commission

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY TRAINING 2023

The Corporal works and the Spiritual works of mercy are at the core of who we are as Catholics Christian. They not only identify who we are as a people; charitable, caring, compassionate and generous; they also identify the behaviors which help us to live our lives as true disciples of Jesus Christ. An unknown author was quoted as saying **“Grieving is a normal response to loss. However, God does not abandon us in our darkest hours. God, who is Light, shines His light of comfort into our hurting hearts.”**



All of us have or will experience the tragic loss of a friend or loved one in our lives. If you have been a recipient of the care and support shared by a bereavement minister or just want to help others who may be suffering, this is your opportunity. This training is designed to benefit both new and experienced bereavement ministers. Experienced ministers can help provide meaningful discussion and collaboration with new ministers.

Date: Saturday, September 9, 2023

Program Presenters: Deacon Joe and Diane Yannotta

Place: St. Edna Catholic Church
2525 N. Arlington Heights Rd., Arlington Heights, IL 60004

Prior registration is required. Participants should contact their individual Parish Coordinator to register.

AGENDA

8:30 – 9 a.m.	Sign in and Welcome
9 – 9:15 a.m.	Welcoming – Agenda Details – Opening Prayer – Introduction
9:15 – 10:30 a.m.	The Story of Death: A Catholic perspective of death and dying
10:30 – 11 a.m.	Break
11 a.m. – Noon	The Afterlife: Purgatory, Heaven and Hell
Noon – 12:30 p.m.	Lunch
12:30 – 1:30 p.m.	The Hour of Our Death: Pastoral care of the sick and dying
1:30 – 2:45 p.m.	Bereavement procedures and wrap up
2:45 – 3 p.m.	Closing Prayer

RESERVATIONS: You MUST contact the Bereavement Ministry Coordinator at your parish prior to registering for this workshop. Go to bit.ly/bereavementstedna3DF1Dff to register. **Registration closes** Friday, September 1, 2023. No registrations after this date. Questions? Contact Deacon Joe Yannotta jjannotta@stedna.org or Diane Yannotta at dyannotta@comcast.net.

