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Ministry Commission
Bereavement Ministry Training
October 17, 2009

When a member of the Body of Christ dies, we are called to a ministry of consolation. The Church calls us to care for the dying, to pray for the dead, and to comfort those who mourn.

This training is designed for volunteers and staff to offer comfort to families in their loss, help them plan a funeral liturgy that is respectful and comforting and offer support as needed. The training follows the Order of Christian Funerals approved by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops for use in planning and celebrating funeral liturgies. There are no fees associated with this training.

Parish volunteers and staff are trained to develop Bereavement Ministries in parishes and/or trained as bereavement ministers for parishes that already have a Bereavement Ministry.

- Where:** St. Mary of Vernon
236 U.S. Highway 45
Indian Creek, IL 60061
847-362-1005
- When:** Saturday, October 17, 2009
9:00 AM–3:30 PM
- What to bring:** Please bring a sack lunch
- Presenter:** Mrs. Helen Haegerich
- Registration:** Please phone Helen Haegerich at 847-362-1005 or e-mail her at hhaegerich@maryofvernon.org

Mrs. Helen Haegerich structured and directs the Bereavement programs at St. Mary of Vernon. She assists families in the planning of funeral liturgies, comforts them in their loss, and facilitates and directs the parish grief support program for adults, children, and teens. She also oversees their Funeral Luncheon, Caring Hearts and Hands, Singles, and Prayer Ministries. Helen is a charter member of St. Mary of Vernon and a wife and mother of two. She served as Director of Ministry of Care for 18 years and was a catechist for ten years. Helen also chairs the Sponsorship Committee for COVE Alliance, a non-profit organization that benefits the orphaned and disadvantaged children of Uganda.

Complete this registration form and mail to @ St. Mary of Vernon, 236 U.S. Hwy 45, Indian Creek, Illinois 60061
Attention: Helen Haegerich

NAME: _____

PARISH: _____

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