

Ministry of Consolation Training Program

*A unique, faith-based, on-site
train-the-trainer program based
on the
Order of Christian Funerals
and designed for those working
with the bereaved.*



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Mission

Called by the healing ministry of Jesus, the National Catholic Ministry to the Bereaved is committed to serve all people who have experienced the death of a loved one. Our holistic care is dedicated to the spiritual support of individuals, parishes, and communities.

Goals

- To offer spiritual support and the healing comfort of God to all who mourn a loss through death
- To develop and provide resources and training programs to support ministries of consolation
- To increase networking, collaboration, and partnering with ministers of consolation, parishes, dioceses, and national organizations

Vision

We envision a compassionate Catholic ministry which will lead to the transformation of bereavement ministry. We will ensure services and education which will respond to the needs of people throughout the grief process. We look to expand the role of the laity in leadership to ensure this Catholic ministry into the future.

Application Form

- Yes, I would like to schedule the Ministry of Consolation Training Program
- Yes, I want to be a member of NCMB
 - Individual/Family \$40.00
 - Congregation/Diocesan/Professional/Organization/Corporate \$100.00
 - Sustaining \$200.00
 - Lifetime Individual/Family \$500.00
 - Lifetime Congregational/Diocesan/Professional/Organization/Corporate \$1,000.00

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The National Catholic Ministry to the Bereaved

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On-site train-the-trainer program, based on the *Order of Christian Funerals*, for those working with the bereaved.

Benefits from this Comprehensive and Unique, Faith-Based Training Program

- Preparation of Ministers of Consolation with the tools and information necessary to be a compassionate presence to the bereaved
- Access to a plan to develop Ministry of Consolation grief-support programs tailored to local parish, diocese, or cemetery needs
- A comprehensive resource training manual

An educational program developed to promote compassion, competence, and commitment in working with the bereaved

Participants will complete 16 hours of core educational components through lecture, small group discussion/activities, role play, practical application of skills in varied settings, and use of prayer in bereavement.

The Training Program Outline

Order of Christian Funerals
Overview of Grief and Mourning
Cultural Issues in Bereavement
Communication/Listening Skills
Group Facilitation Skills/Support Groups
Beginning Your Program
Healing/Meditation
Self-Care for the Minister

All of the training faculty actively work in the area of grief and loss in a variety of professional and Church-related roles and utilize current Church as well as evidence-based resources and skills.

Who Should Attend?

Parish Pastoral Ministers
Parish Nurses
Befrienders
Bereavement Ministers
Priests, Deacons, and Religious
Pastoral Associates
Social Workers
Hospice Volunteers
Therapists/Counselors
Prison Ministers
Cemeterians
Cemetery Staff
Family Service Counselors
Religious Educators and Teachers
Ministers to the Sick
Health Care Workers
Youth Ministers
Those Considering Initiating
Bereavement Ministry for Their
Parish