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Bulletin Announcements for April 2017

Included in this mailing, please find the bulletin announcements and fliers for the **month of April**. Please consider adding any announcements to your bulletin that your parishioners may be interested.

If your parish has Pro-Life and Family Life events you want other parishes to know about, please submit them to Keri Carroll by e-mail. We will be in contact with you regarding your request. You may also contact Keri if there are any fliers and brochures listed below that you would like printed and mailed to you. Keri can be reached at (317)-236-1521 kcarroll@archindy.org

A PDF version of the Office of Pro-Life and Family Life announcements are online at www.archindy.org/plfl/BulletinsAndNewsletters.html

Announcements for any or all weekends for the month of **April**

- Birthline (*this changes periodically please be sure you are running the current announcement*)
- 2017 Mission Day - www.archindy.org/grief
- Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends - www.wwme.org
- Retrouville Programs - www.HelpOurMarriage.com

Announcements listed every week until the event is over.

Announcements specific for the Weekend of **April 1 - 2**

- Divorce and Beyond Group
- Women's Care Center First Friday Mass
- Know Your Fertility Intro Session
- 40 Days for Life – Indianapolis/ 40 Days for Life – Bloomington

Announcements specific for the Weekend of **April 8 - 9**

- Helpers of God's Precious Infants Prayer Vigil – Indianapolis
- Hope & Healing Survivors of Suicide Monthly Support Group – Indianapolis

Announcements specific for the Weekend of **April 15 - 16**

- Respect Life Mass – Terre Haute
- Faithful Citizens Rosary Crusade

Announcements specific for the Weekend of **April 22 - 23**

- Previous Announcements

Announcements specific for the Weekend of **April 29 - 30**

- Traveling "Helpers of God's Precious Infants Prayer Vigil" – Terre Haute & Bloomington
- Women's Care Center First Friday Mass

Word of Life Bulletin Series and Intercessions from USCCB – April

- English: <http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/word-of-life/upload/Word-of-Life-2017-04.pdf>
- Spanish: <http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/word-of-life/upload/Palabra-de-Vida-2017-04.pdf>

Thank you!

Staff of the Office of Pro-Life and Family Life

For Any or All Weekends in April

May 9, 2017: Annual Mission Day - Ministry of Consolation: Building Comprehensive Grief Ministry Teams

The Office of Pro-Life and Family Life in collaboration with Catholic Cemeteries Association of Indianapolis Archdiocese presents: **Ministry of Consolation: Building Comprehensive Parish Grief Ministry Teams**. Maria Farrell, Director of *GriefWork*: A National Servite Ministry of Compassion will offer practical guidance to participants on how to enhance or develop parish bereavement ministry program. Maria will explain the nuts and bolts of building a team, the business of the ministry, and ways to accompany the broken hearted.

The conference hosted at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House on Tuesday, May 9, 2017 from 8:30 am – 4:00 pm. The cost is \$30, which includes lunch and materials. Register online by April 27, 2017 at www.archindy.org/grief, or contact Deb VanVelse 317-236-1586 or dvanvelse@archindy.org.

Birthline–Volunteers Needed

Birthline, a program of the Office of the Pro-Life and Family Life, continues to experience an increase of the number of families whom we assist. Volunteer for this vital ministry from your own home by becoming a Birthline telephone volunteer! All training will be provided. Potential volunteers must have computer knowledge and a computer. Please contact Jena Hartman at (317) 236-1433 or jhartman@archindy.org to learn more about this important volunteer opportunity. Other items Needed: Size 2T Clothing and pajamas for both boys and girls.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends

What is a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**? It is a positive, renewing experience for couples that have a good marriage, but want to make it even better! This is a time for you and your spouse to spend time together and learn about the tools to nourish your Sacrament in a new way. Consider attending on of the upcoming Marriage Encounter Weekends will take place on **April 28-30, 2017** (Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House) or **November 3-5, 2017** (Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House). To learn more or apply to attend, visit www.wwme.org.

Upcoming Retrouvaille Programs

Couples experiencing pain and misery in their relationship, even those already separated and divorced, can find help and hope through a Christian peer ministry called Retrouvaille (Rě-trō-vī). Couples from Kentucky, Indiana and Tennessee are welcome to attend this valuable program.

Retrouvaille programs will be offered following dates and locations: Columbus, OH (April 28-April 30); and Indianapolis (August 11-13).

For more information, to register, or to find Retrouvaille programs throughout the country, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com. Registration accepted on a space available basis. Confidentiality is strictly observed.

For Weekend of April 1 - 2, 2017

Announcements for Any or All Weeks

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May 9, 2017: Annual Mission Day	Birthline-Volunteers Needed
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April 18 – May 23: Divorce and Beyond

A Divorce and Beyond session will be offered six consecutive Tuesdays - **April 18 through May 23, 2017**- at the Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian Street, Indianapolis. The topics for discussion include following - the process of divorce, self-image, stress, anger, blame, guilt, loneliness, and forgiveness. The cost of the six-week session is \$30.00, which includes a book. For more information or to register, please contact the Pro-Life and Family Life Office at **(317) 236-1586** or e-mail: dvanvelse@archindy.org. Registration forms available at www.archindy.org/divorcesupport.

April 7, 2017: Women's Care Center First Friday Mass

The Women's Care Center (4901 West 86th Street Indianapolis 46268) invites you to our First Friday Mass on **April 7th** at 5:00 pm in our chapel. There will be light refreshments after Mass and the ability to take a tour and learn more about our mission. We are now serving over 30 women facing unplanned pregnancies many days, most of who benefit from multiple services, such as pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, parenting classes, and goals counseling. We are so grateful to be able to serve the women who walk through our door. If you have questions please contact Jenny Hubbard, Director, at 317-509-9596. We hope to see you there!

April 8, 2017: Know Your Fertility Intro Session

Join us on Saturday, April 8, 2017, 10:30 am, 85 E. Cedar St, Zionsville, IN 46077 for “Know Your Fertility Intro Session.” Come and learn about the scientific basis for the Creighton Model FertilityCare System and how to track a woman’s reproductive cycles to achieve or avoid a pregnancy, and/or for reproductive health maintenance. Private follow-ups may be scheduled for those women and couples interested in using the System. The session costs \$35 and the materials are an additional \$45. To register, contact Liz Escoffery lizfcp@indyfertilitycare.com or (317) 721-7332. Spaces are limited.

Until April 9, 2017: 40 Days for Life Campaign- Indianapolis

From March 1 through April 9, you are invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 Days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. Come to stand and peacefully pray during the vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood at 8590 Georgetown Rd., Indianapolis. For more information or to sign up for a vigil slot, please contact Sheryl Dye at sheryl@goangels.org or visit www.40daysindy.org.

Until April 9, 2017: 40 Days for Life - Bloomington

Join us in the 2016 Spring Campaign of 40 Days for Life! From March 1 to April 9, our community is taking part in this international campaign to stand for the gift of life through prayer and fasting. A peaceful prayer vigil is held on the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood (421 South College Avenue, Bloomington, Indiana). For more information on the campaign or to sign up to participate in the prayer vigil, please visit www.40daysforlife.com/bloomington. We pray that, with God's help, this will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in our city - and beyond. Contact Monica Siefker at monica.siefker@gmail.com or (812) 345-7988 to learn more.

For the Weekend of April 8 - 9, 2017

Announcements for Any or All Weeks

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May 9, 2017: Annual Mission Day	Birthline-Volunteers Needed
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April 18 – May 23: Divorce and Beyond	40 Days for Life Campaign- Indianapolis
40 Days for Life - Bloomington	

April 13, 2017: Hope and Healing Survivors of Suicide (SOS) Monthly Support Group

On **April 13th**, Hope and Healing, a support group for adults who have lost a loved one to suicide, struggle with thoughts suicide, or seek to understand the causes and prevention of suicide will meet at 7:00 pm at University Heights United Methodist Church (4002 Otterbein Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46227). A children's support group, Spread Our Youthful Wings, for ages 9 years to 17 years old is held in the same location and same time as the Hope and Healing SOS Group. For more information, please contact Judy Proctor at (317) 851-8344 or visit Hope & Healing SOS at www.hopeandhealingsos.com

April 15, 2017: Helpers of God's Precious Infants Prayer Vigil – Indianapolis

On **April 15th**, the 3rd Saturday of the month, please join in the Helpers of God's Precious Infants Prayer Vigil. Participants attend 8:30 am Mass at St. Michael the Archangel Church (3354 W. 30th St., Indianapolis, IN 46222). Following Mass, participants will prayerfully proceed to the nearby abortion facility and say the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. The devotions conclude between 10:30-10:45 am. Those who do not process to the facility may remain in the church to say the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. This event is sponsored by St. Michael's Parish. Please e-mail Peggy Geis at peggygeis@att.net for more information.

For the Weekend of April 15 - 16, 2017

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May 9, 2017: Annual Mission Day	Birthline-Volunteers Needed
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April 19, 2017: Respect Life Mass – Terre Haute

On **April 19th**, the 3rd Wednesday of the month, please consider joining the St. Joseph Pro-Life Ministry in praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet (St. Joseph University, 113, S Fifth St., Terre Haute) at 4:30 pm prior to the 5:15 pm Respect Life Mass. For more information, contact the parish office at (812) 232-7011.

April 22, 2017: Faithful Citizens Rosary Crusade –Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary

Following the 10:00 am Mass at Holy Rosary Parish on Saturday, **April 22, 2017** join us for the recitation of the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet as we witness and pray for the protection of Life, Religious Freedom and Holy Matrimony. For more information, contact Eric at faithful.citizens2016@gmail.com.

For the Weekend of April 22- 23, 2017

Announcements for Any or All Weeks

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May 9, 2017: Annual Mission Day	Birthline-Volunteers Needed
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No specific announcements for this weekend. Please consider using the announcements for any or all weekends.

For the Weekend of April 29 - 30, 2017

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May 9, 2017: Annual Mission Day	Birthline-Volunteers Needed
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May 6, 2017: Helpers of God's Precious Infants Prayer Vigil – Terre Haute & Bloomington

The traveling Helpers of God's Precious Infants Prayer Vigil begins with participants joining the 7:30 am Mass at the Carmelite Monastery (59 Allendale, Terre Haute) on May 6th. At 8:45 am, participants will prayerfully carpool at 8:45 AM from St. Patrick Parish (1807 Poplar St., Terre Haute) and travel to Planned Parenthood (421 S. College Ave., Bloomington, IN). The prayer vigil will continue until 2:00 pm, and then the carpool will return to Terre Haute. For additional information, please contact Tom McBroom at 812-841-0060 or mcbroom.tom@gmail.com.

May 5, 2017: Women's Care Center First Friday Mass

The Women's Care Center (4901 West 86th Street Indianapolis 46268) invites you to our First Friday Mass on **May 5, 2017** at 5:00 pm in our chapel. There will be light refreshments after Mass and the ability to take a tour and learn more about our mission. We are now serving over 30 women facing unplanned pregnancies many days, most of who benefit from multiple services, such as pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, parenting classes, and goals counseling. We are so grateful to be able to serve the women who walk through our door. If you have questions please contact Jenny Hubbard, Director, at 317-509-9596. We hope to see you there!

WORD OF LIFE: APRIL 2017

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Intercessions for Life

April 2nd

For those nearing the end of life:
May the grace of God shine through the care
of medical professionals, family, and friends;
We pray to the Lord:

Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 9th

For those who help women
facing unexpected pregnancies:
May God's grace enable them
to bring hope & help to the women they serve;
We pray to the Lord:

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

April 13th

For Catholics worldwide:
May our love for the most vulnerable
be strengthened by the grace of the Eucharist;
We pray to the Lord:

Holy Thursday

April 16th

For those who struggle to find meaning in life:
Through the grace of the Resurrection,
may Christ fill them with hope
and the assurance their lives are worth living;
We pray to the Lord:

Easter Sunday

April 23rd

For men and women afraid to confess
their participation in abortion:
May the assurance of God's everlasting love
give them courage to seek forgiveness;
We pray to the Lord:

Sunday of Divine Mercy

April 30rd

For the Church:
May the living and enduring Word of God
unite the faithful in heartfelt care for all human life.
We pray to the Lord:

Third Sunday of Easter

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Bulletin Briefs

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April 2nd

“An old Irish proverb says, ‘It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.’ Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering.” Visit www.goo.gl/fvSEYp for 10 ways to care for loved ones approaching life’s end.



[*Caring for Loved Ones at Life’s End*](#)

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, 2016-17 Respect Life Program

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April 9th

“An unexpected pregnancy can be a difficult and frightening time, and it’s important that your friend knows you are thinking of her and supporting her.” Find out more in *10 Ways to Support Her When She’s Unexpectedly Expecting*: www.goo.gl/MkBfb9.



[*10 Ways to Support Her When She’s Unexpectedly Expecting*](#)

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April 16th

“Even among terminally ill patients, a request to die is nearly always a cry for help ... [and] is often associated with a potentially treatable mental disorder such as depression or anxiety.”



[*Every Suicide is Tragic*](#)

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April 23rd

“Be assured that it is never too late to seek God’s forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and that ‘you can with sure hope entrust your child’ to the Father and his mercy (EV 99).”



[*Bridges of Mercy for Post-Abortion Healing*](#)

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April 30th

“If we are filled with the love of God, a culture of encounter and solidarity will begin to bloom.”



[*Serene Attentiveness to God’s Creation*](#)

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PALABRA DE VIDA: ABRIL DE 2017

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Intercesiones por la Vida

2 de abril

Por los que están cerca del final de la vida:
Que la gracia de Dios brille por medio del cuidado
de los profesionales de la medicina, de familiares y amigos;
roguemos al Señor:

5° Domingo de Cuaresma

9 de abril

Por quienes ayudan a las mujeres
que enfrentan embarazos inesperados:
para que la gracia de Dios les permita
llevar esperanza y ayuda a las mujeres ellos sirven;
roguemos al Señor:

Domingo de Ramos en la Pasión del Señor

13 de abril

Por los católicos en todo el mundo:
Para que nuestro amor por los más vulnerables
se vea fortalecido por la gracia de la Eucaristía;
roguemos al Señor:

Jueves Santo

16 de abril

Por los que luchan por encontrarle sentido a la vida:
para que por la gracia de la Resurrección,
Cristo los colme de esperanza
y de seguridad de que su vida vale la pena;
roguemos al Señor:

Domingo de Pascua

23 de abril

Por los hombres y mujeres que tienen miedo a confesar
su participación en un aborto:
Para que la garantía del amor eterno de Dios
les dé el valor de buscar el perdón;
roguemos al Señor:

Domingo de la Divina Misericordia

30 de abril

Por la Iglesia:
Para que la Palabra viva y eterna de Dios
una a los fieles en un cuidado sincero por toda vida humana.
roguemos al Señor:

3° Domingo de Pascua

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2 de abril

“Un proverbio irlandés dice: ‘En el refugio del otro vive cada uno’. Hemos sido creados para depender unos de otros y caminar juntos en el sufrimiento.” Visita <https://goo.gl/5dVwWV> para conocer 10 maneras para cuidar a los seres queridos que se acercan al final de la vida.



[Cuidado de los seres queridos al final de la vida](#)

Secretariado de Actividades Pro-Vida de USCCB,
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9 de abril

“Un embarazo inesperado puede ser una época difícil y aterradora, y es importante que tu amiga sepa que piensas en ella y la apoyas”. Hay más información en *10 Maneras de apoyarla cuando está esperando sin haberlo esperado*:

<https://goo.gl/1m5Qw3>.



[10 Maneras de apoyarla cuando está esperando sin haberlo esperado](#)

Secretariado de Actividades Pro-Vida de USCCB,
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16 de abril

“Incluso entre pacientes con enfermedades terminales, solicitar la muerte es casi siempre un grito pidiendo ayuda... [y] a menudo se asocia con un trastorno mental potencialmente tratable como la depresión o la ansiedad”.



[Cada suicidio es trágico](http://www.goo.gl/8Y5XBR) (www.goo.gl/8Y5XBR)

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23 de abril

“Tenga la seguridad de que nunca es demasiado tarde para buscar el perdón de Dios en el sacramento de la Reconciliación, y que ‘podéis confiar con esperanza a vuestro hijo’ al Padre y a su misericordia (EV 99)”.



[Vías de misericordia para la sanación posaborto](#) (www.goo.gl/tRqZhx)

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30 de abril

“Si estamos llenos del amor de Dios, comenzará a florecer una cultura de encuentro y solidaridad”.



[Serena atención a la Creación de Dios](#) (www.goo.gl/ggKsai)

Secretariado de Actividades Pro-Vida de la USCCB,
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INDIANAPOLIS AREA SPRING 2017 CAMPAIGN

ASH WEDNESDAY - PALM SUNDAY
MARCH 1 - APRIL 9



40
DAYS
FOR
LIFE™



40 Days for Life:

40 nations and 725,000 participants.
With God's help, there have been:
12,668 babies saved,
141 conversions of abortion workers,
75 abortion centers closed!

PRAYER VIGIL

MON. - SAT.: 7 AM - 7 PM

SUN.: NOON - 7 PM

IN FRONT OF

PLANNED PARENTHOOD
8590 GEORGETOWN ROAD

THE INDIANAPOLIS 40 DAYS FOR LIFE PEACEFUL PRAYER VIGIL FOR AN END TO ABORTION TAKES PLACE ON THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY IN FRONT OF THE PLANNED PARENTHOOD BUSINESS LOCATED AT 8590 GEORGETOWN ROAD, INDIANAPOLIS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 317 709-1502 OR VISIT 40DAYSINDY.ORG



40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

Join the worldwide movement to protect mothers and babies ~ March 1 - April 9

Recognizing that with God, all things are possible, our community is joining with hundreds of other cities for this fall's global 40 Days for Life – the largest coordinated pro-life mobilization in history. 40 Days for Life is a peaceful, prayerful – and proven effective – pro-life campaign that has saved lives, led to the conversion of abortion workers, and seen abortion facilities close. The campaign consists of three components:

1. **PRAYER AND FASTING:** Join together with other believers for 40 days of fervent prayer and fasting for an end to abortion
2. **PEACEFUL VIGIL:** Stand for life during a 40-day peaceful public witness in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood, 421 South College Avenue Bloomington, Indiana
3. **COMMUNITY OUTREACH:** Bring a positive pro-life message to every corner of our city through media efforts, advocacy and public visibility.

Sign up at www.40daysforlife.com/bloomington

Local Contact: Monica Siefker

812-345-7988 ~ monica.siefker@gmail.com



MISSION DAY 2017



Ministry of Consolation

*Building Comprehensive Parish
Grief Ministry Teams*

Tuesday, May 9, 2017

8:30 am—4:00 pm

at

Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House
5353 East 56th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46226

Register Online: www.archindy.org/grief ~ Deadline April 27, 2017

\$30 Registration Fee Includes Lunch and Materials



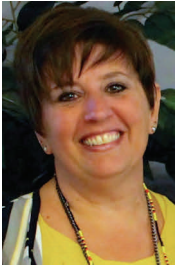
PRESENTER: Maria Farrell, Director of *GriefWork: A National Servite Ministry of Compassion*. Called by the healing ministry of compassion, the Servite Community commit themselves to serving all experiencing loss. This year's Mission Day offers parishes the opportunity, under the direction of Maria to enhance or develop their consolation and grief ministry programs. Maria will explain the nuts and bolts of building a team, the business of the ministry, and ways to accompany the broken hearted.

PRESENTER: Representatives from the Catholic Cemeteries Association of the Indianapolis Archdiocese will present on Catholic Burial Traditions and Alternatives and Vatican Instruction on Burial and Cremation.

*Office of Pro-Life and Family Life—Bereavement Ministries
In Collaboration with the Catholic Cemeteries Association
of Indianapolis Archdiocese*



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Maria Farrell

Maria began her tenure with the Servants of Mary in 2008 as Director of Development. She currently serves as

the Director of *GriefWork*: A National Servite Ministry of Compassion. Called by the healing ministry of compassion, the Servite Community commit themselves to serving all experiencing loss. Their mission is to live out these goals:

- To offer spiritual support and healing comfort to all who mourn a loss.
- To develop and provide resources and training programs to support ministries of consolation.
- To increase networking; collaboration and partnering with ministers of consolation and other national bereavement organizations.

Catholic Cemeteries Association of Indianapolis Archdiocese

Catholic Cemeteries offer a meaningful continuation of our Christian belief in the Resurrection. They are consecrated places of meditation, prayer, and worship, where Masses are offered for both the living and the dead. Filled with works of art and monuments to our Faith, they bear witness to life everlasting. Learn more at <http://catholiccemeteries.cc/>

Program Schedule

8:30 Registration
9:00 Welcome & Morning Prayer

9:15—12:15 Maria

- The business of Ministry
- Building a parish bereavement team
- Marketing your Ministry

15 Minute Break

- Involving Persons of All Ages
- Qualities of a Minister of Consolation

12:15—1:00

- Lunch

1:00—2:15 Maria

- The Importance of Communication
- Potential Roadblocks in Communication

15 Minute Break

2:30—3:00: Catholic Cemeteries & Flanner and Buchanan: Tony Lloyd, Kelsey Ehgott & Jerry Roberts

- Catholic Burial Traditions and Alternatives
- Vatican Instruction on Burial and Cremation
- Q & A

3:15—3:45 Maria

- Support during the First Year
- Companionship during the Grief Journey and Continuing Bonds

3:45—4:00

- Evaluations & Final Prayer

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Parish or Organization _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Registration Fee: \$ 30.00
(includes lunch and handout materials)
Certificate of Attendance Available

Please register early seating is limited
Registration Deadline: April 27, 2017
Certificate of Attendance provided
Register online: www.archindy.org/grief

Or Mail Form to:

Office of Pro-Life & Family Life
1400 North Meridian Street
Indianapolis, IN 46202

MISSION DAY 2017

The responsibility for the Ministry of Consolation rests with the believing community, which heeds the words and example of the Lord Jesus: 'Blessed are they who mourn; they shall be consoled; (Matthew 5:3). Each Christian shares in this ministry according to the various gifts and office in the church.' ~Order of Christian Funerals, para.9.

What a blessing it is to help the broken hearted feel God's surrounding love through the Ministry of Consolation. This ministry, under the direction of the pastor, consists of a team that consoles and guides grieving families who have suffered the loss of a loved one.

The consolation team, which might include representatives from several caring ministries, works together to support the broken hearted. Assistance may begin during an illness or immediately following a sudden death. Good communication between team members helps ensure all those who are grieving feel embraced by their parish family.

This year's Mission Day offers parishes the opportunity, under the direction of Maria Farrell, to enhance or develop their consolation and grief ministry programs. Maria will explain the nuts and bolts of building a team, the business of the ministry, and ways to accompany the broken hearted.

Location: Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House

The facility is located on 13 wooded acres at 5353 East 56th St. in Indianapolis, IN, west of 465 and 56th on the northeast side of Indianapolis.



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