

MINISTRY OF COMPASSION

“The Church’s first duty is to approach these people with love and consideration, with caring and motherly attention, to proclaim the merciful closeness of God in Jesus Christ. Indeed, as the Fathers teach, it is he who is the true Good Samaritan, who has made himself close to us, who pours oil and wine on our wounds and takes us into the inn, the Church, where he has us treated, entrusting us to her ministers and personally paying in advance for our recovery.”

Address of His Holiness Benedict XVI to Participants in an International Congress organized by the John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family, April 5, 2008.



For additional information about Ministry to the Divorced, please contact:
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MINISTRY OF COMPASSION MINISTRY TO THE SEPARATED & DIVORCED

Leadership Training for those who Minister to the Divorced

*St. Martin of Tours
1800 Station Road
Valley City, OH 44280*

**February 2 & 9, 2010
6:30—9:00 p.m.**

Trainer: Carol Petro, LSW
Marriage & Family
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Department for Marriage and Family
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Diocese of Cleveland





MINISTRY OF COMPASSION LEADERSHIP TRAINING

The task in ministering to the divorced is as follows: "The programme of the Good Samaritan, is a "heart which sees". This heart sees where love is needed and acts accordingly" (Deus Caritas Est, n. 1)you have stooped down to victims suffering from the wounds of divorce....those who suffer most are the children who are the living sign of its indissolubility. Supportive pastoral attention must...ensure that the children are not the innocent victims of conflicts between parents who divorce."

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Because of the complexity of Catholic ministry to the divorced, we have developed training modules to educate and support those who wish to become involved in this ministry. The training consists of two parts with the first session focusing on divorce and how to compassionately minister to the divorced in a way that also upholds our commitment to the sacrament of marriage. The second session of the training is especially tailored to those who will be using the DivorceCare Program. It clarifies theological differences between the DivorceCare program and Catholic belief and practice in regards to the Sacrament of Marriage and divorce. The training concludes with some "basic skills" on facilitating support groups.

Ministry of Compassion Leadership Training Schedule

February 2—Module I

- Makes clear both our Catholic belief in the sanctity of marriage and our compassion & care for the divorced
- Describes several different types of divorce and how this affects families
- Gives a framework for understanding the divorce process and ways to minister
- Highlights the necessity of forgiveness

February 9—Module II

- Discusses the theological differences between the evangelical DivorceCare Program and Catholic theology. We aim to translate DivorceCare in a way that more accurately presents Catholic teaching and supports Catholic attendees who often have faith questions and concerns
- Provides basic skills training in facilitating support groups

Registration and Fees

You must obtain permission from your pastor to register. Your parish will be billed for this training.

We provide all materials. **To cover our costs we are charging a fee of \$125 per parish for one or two people, and \$25 for each additional person.**

Registration Form Leadership Training for Those Who Minister to the Divorced Feb. 2 & 9, 2010 St. Martin of Tours, Valley City

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

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Parish to be Billed:

Name _____

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City, State, Zip _____

Name of Priest that Recommended You:

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