



*Serving the Spiritual Needs of Grieving Parents
Whose Children of Any Age Have Died by Any Cause,
No Matter How Long Ago*



"For it is in consoling that we are consoled."

Dear Friends:

It is all too familiar...

You turn on your phone or open a newspaper and read about *a precious seven-year-old little boy who drowned in his uncle's pool... a young woman, with everything to live for, who takes her own life for no apparent reason... a successful professional who dies of a drug overdose.* There are school shootings, horrific murders, tragic accidents, fatal illnesses, and unexpected suicides in the news every day. Most of them leave behind devastated parents brought to their knees by the pain of the worse loss of all. All of which is complicated by the challenges of a pandemic.

**If you are like many of us,
you want to reach out to
these grieving parents
to tell them that they are not alone,
that you understand on some level,
and that we, as fellow grieving parents,
stand solidly with them and are holding them in prayer.**

**Join Us!
Emmaus Ministry Compassion Outreach Project.**

Each month, we ask all Emmaus parents to pray for newly bereaved parents. In addition, Bro. John Maganzini, ofm. lights a candle in loving memory of these children at St. Anthony Shrine in Boston, MA.

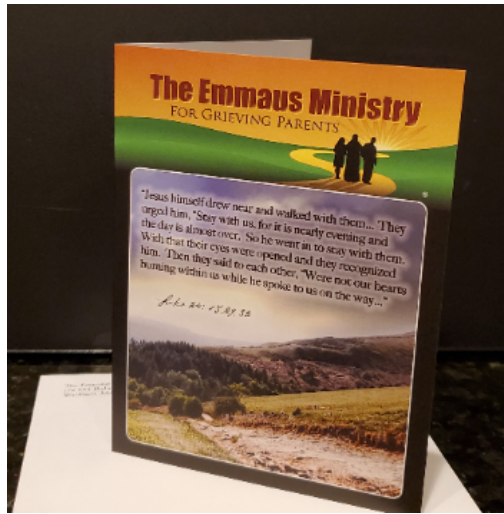
Because of generous donations, we can also provide you with as many Emmaus Ministry sympathy/consolation cards for newly bereaved parents as you need. You can mail these cards to parents you hear about or see on your local newscasts. (No need to send us individual names or any details; we pray for all of them collectively.)

Just tell us how many Emmaus sympathy cards you would like (email diane@emfgp.org). Typically, we send out sets of 5 or 10 or 20 cards and envelopes, so you will have them on hand whenever you hear or read about other grieving parents.

Hopefully, newly-bereaved parents will feel some sense of comfort in knowing that they are not alone and that they and their children are in all of our prayers. It is a beautiful way to reach out to each other in our pain. It is a beautiful way to memorialize our children.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Hopefully, we will hear from many of you who would like to participate in this *Emmaus Ministry Compassion Outreach Project*. Thank you so much for ministering to each other and for offering the compassion that only you can give to other parents.

In humble gratitude,
Diane



EMMAUS MINISTRY COMPASSION OUTREACH PROJECT

**HERE'S HOW IT
WORKS IF YOU'D
LIKE TO JOIN US...**

- Email diane@emfgp.org and tell us how many Emmaus Ministry sympathy cards you'd like (5-10-20). We will mail them to you.
- Send these cards to newly bereaved parents in your community, or in the news, whenever you hear about them.
- As a group, we will continuously pray for all newly bereaved parents and their children every day. (No need to send us individual names.)
- On the first day of each month, Bro. John Maganzini, ofm, lights a candle for newly bereaved parents at St. Anthony Shrine in Boston, and, together with the other friars, joins us in prayer.
- Hopefully, these parents find comfort in our prayers and in knowing they are not alone.

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