



EMMAUS MINISTRY FOR GRIEVING PARENTS MISSION AND CORE VALUES

MISSION

Inspired and guided by the Holy Spirit, the Emmaus Ministry is a Catholic ministry serving the spiritual needs of all grieving parents (no matter where they are in their spiritual journeys or what religion), whose children of any age (from conception to old age) have died by any cause (including abortion, miscarriage, suicide, overdose, etc.) no matter how long ago (from a few weeks to more than 40 years ago). All of our programs are grounded in Catholic Church teachings on life after death.

CORE VALUES

Our total focus is on the spirituality of the individual parent's grieving process.

- Our retreats provide parents with spiritual nourishment and the opportunity to spend dedicated time focused on their spiritual journeys after the death of their children.
- Retreat team members handle the logistics of preparing for the retreat and having it run smoothly. What actually happens at each retreat, however, is the work of the Holy Spirit, the parents, and the children.

We offer spiritual retreats, not support groups, workshops, or therapy.

- Parents are never called on to introduce themselves or speak or share (Many people participate by listening only).
- Retreat team members recognize and value the confidentiality of parents.
- Parents are never required to participate in any retreat session; they choose to spend their time however they wish.
- Parents may participate in as many retreats as they wish.
- Our retreats are offered by other grieving parents, diocesan/parish personnel, and spiritual leaders under the guidance of the Holy Spirit

We acknowledge that the grief of a parent is a sorrow like no other and serve their spiritual needs without judgment or assumptions.

We offer ongoing support, ideally with at least two retreats/year/diocese.

