



*If you walk in the way of God, you will live in peace forever.
Learn where there is wisdom, where there is strength,
where there is understanding, so that you may at the same time
discern where there is length of days, and life,
where there is light for the eyes, and peace.*
—Baruch 3:3-14

AN INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

In life, the death of loved ones is an inevitable part of the journey. As members of those baptized in Christ, our belief in the mystery of death and resurrection in Christ is at the center of all of that we do as Church. The consoling actions and prayer rituals offered to mourners at the time of the death of a loved one are part of a journey we walk together as Church.

In the **Order of Christian Funerals** we, as Church, are encouraged to form a Ministry of Consolation or Bereavement Ministry Team at our parish.

“Members of the community should console the mourners with words of faith and support and with acts of kindness, for example, assisting them with some of the routine tasks of daily living.”

The **Order of Christian Funerals** outlines the tasks of a parish Ministry of Consolation is to:

(1) to pray for the dead, and (2) to comfort those who mourn.

“The Ministry of Consolation” was formed here at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, on July 19, 2011. A group of men and women came together and began ministering, to parishioners whose family member died, by praying the Vigil Prayers at the Funeral Home.

We invite any Eucharistic Minister, Lector, or Sacristan, to join and participate as a member of The Ministry of Consolation. If you are interested in this Ministry, please fill out the bottom of this invitation and drop it in the collection basket, or call or email me at 708-403-0101 x102, or cnolan@steseton.com.

Peace and Blessings, Claudia Nolan

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