

MINISTRY ROLE DESCRIPTION

Program: Bereavement Ministry

➤ **Position:** Bereavement Team Coordinator

Purpose of Position: To provide support to individuals who are experiencing grief through the death of a loved one

Responsibilities:

- Recruit appropriate volunteers who want to minister to the bereaved
- Provide training for volunteer ministers
- Identify the bereaved in the parish community
- Coordinate visits to the bereaved (two by two)
- Keep records of the bereaved and visits by volunteer ministers
- Initiate support groups for the bereaved in the parish

Abilities/Skills/Gifts Needed:

- Has recovered from own personal grief
- Leadership and facilitation skills
- Understanding of grief and bereavement and the relevant issues
- Excellent communication skills (group and one-on-one)
- Ability to train others
- Committed to personal prayer and Gospel values

Length of Commitment: 2 year commitment

Amount of Time Required: Flexible and dependant on number of people experiencing grief; training and support needs of team members, need for a grieving support group

When Ministry is Performed: Flexible and as needed

Orientation & Preparation: “Guidelines for Volunteer Ministers”; Bereavement Resources within Parish; King’s College Workshop of Grieving – parish will assume cost

Ministry Leader:

Supervision and Support:

Benefits: Ministering to those grieving in our community; development of pastoral care skills, joy of serving others and God.

Volunteer Minister’s Signature

Date