



St. Andrew Apostle Catholic Church

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Dear Pastor,

I'd like to tell you about a wonderful caregiving ministry that has blessed us here at Saint Andrew Apostle Catholic Church since 2012: Stephen Ministry.

We currently have 33 congregation members serving as Stephen Ministers—well-trained lay caregivers who provide high-quality, one-to-one Christian care to people experiencing various difficulties in life.

I've enclosed an item that describes Stephen Ministers as the “after people”—those who come alongside a person *after* a crisis occurs and walk with that person for as long *after* as necessary.

As a pastor, I'm grateful for our congregation's Stephen Ministers. The ongoing support they provide helps ensure that the needs of hurting people are met in our congregation and throughout our community.

I'd like to invite you and others from your congregation to a half-day Stephen Ministry Introductory Workshop. It's an excellent opportunity to learn more about Stephen Ministry and how your congregation can become involved. Those who attend will also experience a sample of Stephen Ministry training and learn caregiving skills they can put to use right away.

The workshop will be held here at Saint Andrew Apostle Catholic Church (Church Hall) in Silver Spring, Maryland, on Saturday, October 6, 2018, from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. Check-in and refreshments begin at 8 A.M.

To register, use the enclosed form or visit stephenministry.org/workshop. If you have questions or would like to register by phone, call Stephen Ministries at (314) 428-2600 (8 A.M. to 5 P.M. Central Time).

Also enclosed are a flyer and some other items to help you publicize the workshop to your congregation. Feel free to photocopy and share these items with congregation members, groups, or committees that might be interested in attending.

I look forward to seeing people from your congregation at the Stephen Ministry Introductory Workshop on Saturday, October 6. God's blessings to you and your congregation.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Daniel P. Leary
Pastor