

CRISIS CAN TURN YOUR WORLD UPSIDE DOWN

Are you called to help those in crisis turn their world right side up? Stephen Ministry may be for you!

We all experience challenges in life – times when we could benefit from support. In many cases, Stephen Ministers can provide a caring Christian friend who listens, prays and encourages when we are faced with a crisis or difficulty.

Our Pastoral Council has carefully considered and approved the adoption of Stephen Ministry as an important outreach under the umbrella of pastoral care. The first step is to identify parishioners who have a heart for this work. As more information is presented, please consider whether your spiritual gifts call you to join this team.

What is Stephen Ministry?

At Saint Patrick's Catholic Church it is our mission to be a witness of mercy to all people. Stephen Ministry equips lay-people to provide one-to-one Christian care to those in our parish and community who are experiencing difficulties in their lives.

A Stephen Minister Is ...

A parish member who walks beside someone who is hurting. A layperson that receives 65 hours of training in providing high quality, distinctively Christian care. Someone who meets faithfully each week with his or her care receiver for as long as there's a need.

Stephen Ministry Multiplies Ministry

Priests will always be on the front line of care during times of crisis. Although St. Patrick is blessed with three amazing part-time priests, there are many more needs for ongoing, one-to-one care than they can meet. Stephen Ministry provides a thoroughly biblical solution – equipping God's people for ministry.

Interested in Learning More?

Please let your interest be known by completing the information below and placing it in the collection basket You may also contact:

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	Yes! I am interested in knowing more about Stephen Ministry.	40 R BEODY
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	Have you been trained as a Stephen Minister, Cabrini Minister	WHO BANK
	or similar calling in another church?	STEPHEN
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