Today’s fast paced society provides little time, space or support for those who have suffered loss. “Come to the Well” is a day of hope and restoration for anyone who has suffered the loss of a loved one: parents, children, siblings, spouse, etc. This includes Loss by Suicide, Accidental Death, Infertility, Miscarriage, Illness, Stillbirth, SIDS, Adoption Placement, Abortion, and other life losses.

Your privacy and confidentiality will be observed.

The day is filled with prayer utilizing meditation “Living Scripture,” music, journaling and personal sharing to honor and embrace the reality of shared loss.

“Come to the Well” offers opportunities for retreatingants to find strength in the sharing to move through the losses of life with hope for a renewed vision.

Jesus, Font of Living Water says, “Come, all you who are weary, broken, and find life burdensome, and I will give you rest.”

Matthew 11:28

[Image: Photo by Cathy Bourque]
Support Groups

CoDependent Recovery Meetings
A fellowship of men and women whose common purpose is to develop healthy relationships. Meetings are held each Thursday at Immaculata Center from 12:00—1:00 p.m. except Diocesan Holidays. Coda.org
Contact: Trista Littel @ 337.261.5598

Compassionate Friends
Support group for anyone who has suffered the loss of a child. Held the third Monday of each month @ 7:00 p.m. St. Barnabas Episcopal Church - Camellia Blvd., Lafayette. Contact: Pat: (337) 856-1285

Elizabeth Ministry Support Group
Provides Christian support for the childbearing years. (Fertility, pregnancy, birth, adoption, infertility, crisis or special needs, miscarriage, stillbirth, infant or child death.) elizabethministry.com.

Maddie’s Footprints
The vision of Maddie’s Footprints is to help families who have experienced miscarriages, stillbirths or the loss of an infant. They lead these families in the right direction when they are in need of information and/or counseling. Financial assistance is offered for end-of-life expenses and/or medical expenses. Phone: 337-534-4209 www.maddiesfootprints.org

Red Bird Ministries
Red Bird Ministries is a Catholic, pro-life and pro-family grief support group that focuses on bereaved families who have experienced child loss of any age. All founders and families have experienced child loss and understand the magnitude of a bereaved parent’s suffering. www.redbirdlove.com
Contact: kelly@redbirdlove or 337.233.2019

Healing House
Provides support and education for grieving children, their caregivers, and the Acadiana Community. “Preparing to Say Goodbye” Anticipatory Support Group for Children and families who are preparing for the loss of a loved one. Group meets every other Monday — 337.234.0443

Hospice of Acadiana
The Center for Loss and Transition offers counseling, support groups, and education. Contact: Heather Prejean 2600 Johnson St. - Lafayette, LA 70503 337.232.1234 - www.hospiceacadiana.com

Project Rachel * Rachel’s Vineyard
Post Abortion Healing — www.rachelsvineyard.org Diocese of Lafayette—Office of Pro Life Apostolate—1408 Carmel Dr. — Lafayette, LA 70501-5215 Call Trista Littel @ 337.261.5598 or 337.261.5607

Survivor of Suicide Support Group
The Family Tree & The Jacob Crouch Suicide Prevention Services sponsors support groups that are especially tailored for survivors of suicide. Contact The Family Tree for more information. (337) 981-2180

Registration Form: “Come to The Well” A Day of Hope and Restoration
To be held at Immaculata Center - 1408 Carmel Dr., Lafayette, LA 70501

Please place a checkmark in one of the blocks below indicating which area of loss you have suffered or the loss you are in most need of addressing at this time.

☐ Loss of an Unborn Infant
☐ loss by Suicide
☐ infertility, miscarriage, abortion, other
☐ Loss of a Child or Grandchild (including stillbirth)
☐ child, parent, sibling, other

☐ Loss of a Parent
☐ Other Losses: ____________

☐ Loss of a Spouse
☐ ____________

☐ Loss of a Sibling or Friend
☐ ____________

Remittance & Registration Information are to be mailed to:
Diocese of Lafayette, Office of Pro Life Apostolate
1408 Carmel Drive - Lafayette, LA 70501-5215
Phone: 337/261-5598

$35/person (including lunch). Payment required by Nov. 1, 2019
Checks payable to: DOL—Office of Pro Life Apostolate

Amount Enclosed:_______ Cash:_______ or Check Number:__________

Registrant’s Name

Address

City/State/Zip

Phone/Home/Cell/ Work

Email Address

Church Name/City

Pastor

Comments from Former Participants

“I found the day spiritually refreshing in the midst of my grief. Healing grace was given to me through the speakers and the reenactment of Jesus and the Samaritan Woman at the Well”.

“The testimonies of those who have shared similar grief gave me hope that life continues and I am not alone. The day reinforced to me that God is real. God is active, and God is working in my life.”

“I was so happy I was not the only man. It was interesting and I didn’t want to leave. I will be at future retreats.”

“There was a holy peace prevalent throughout the day, even amidst the pain. I am confident it was due to the shared suffering, united to Christ.”

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Presenters
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Karlo Meynard

Living Scripture
Tina Hebert and Colby Hebert

Musicians
Suzanne Babineaux
Benny Littel
Lisa Shepperd
Lisa Shannon

Liturgical Movement
Sharon O’Neill

Come to the Well Team of Volunteers

Date: November 9, 2019 (Saturday)
Location: Immaculata Center - Diocese of Lafayette
1408 Carmel Dr., Lafayette, LA 70501
Time: 8:30 a.m. (Registration) — 5:00 p.m.
(half Mass and Reconciliation)
Cost: $35.00 per person (including lunch)
RSVP with payment by November 1st.

All are welcome to this sacred event, a day to honor your loved one. You will find love, compassion, and opportunities for hope and restoration… A safe place to grieve and be restored by the Lord who awaits you.