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 retreatants to find strength in the sharing to move through the losses of life with hope for a renewed vision.

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INVITATION

PRESENTERS

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Karol D. Meynard

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Father Abadie is the Pastor of St. Catherine Church and St. Francis Regis Catholic Church in Arnaudville. He will talk about Redemptive Suffering and his personal grief journey.

Deacon Barney Lejeune
Deacon Barney and his wife Paula suffered the loss of their daughter, Andrea Beth, to suicide in 2014, which lead to his involvement with the Jacob Crouch Suicide Prevention Services where he served as Executive Director. Deacon Barney will deliver a message regarding the “Woman at the Well”.

Kelly & Ryan Breaux
On September 10, 2006, Kelly & Ryan baptized their daughter, Emma Grace. She died exactly three years later, joining her twin brother, Talon, in heaven whom they lost at fifteen days old. Through their suffering, Red Bird Ministries was formed. Red Bird Ministries is a Catholic Grief Support Ministry for couples who have experienced the loss of a child.

Karol D. Meynard
Karol is the former director of the Office of Pro-Life Apostolate. She retired from the Diocese of Lafayette in 2018 and was the founder of “Come to the Well” in collaboration with Lyn Doucet. Karol will share her journey through grief and hope after losing her husband, Deacon Leonard Meynard, five weeks after he was ordained a deacon. Prior to Karol’s directorship with the Office of Pro-Life Apostolate, she worked in the Office of Tribunal. After retirement she answered the call to return to the Office of Tribunal on a part-time basis.
The Diocese of Lafayette
Office of Pro-Life Apostleolate
and
Hospice of Acadiana
Invite you to

“Come to the Well”
November 9, 2019

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.
(includes 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.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS
Office of Pro Life Apostleolate
Office of Marriage and Family Life
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Living Scripture
Tina Hebert and Colby Hebert

Musicians
Suzanne Babineaux Benny Littell
Lisa Shepperd Lisa Shannon

Liturgical Movement
Sharon O’Neill

Come to the Well Team of Volunteers

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 Littell # 337.261.5598

Compassionate Friends
Support group for anyone who has suffered the loss of a child. Held the third Monday of each month at 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
Contact: kellyredbirdlove 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 Apostleolate—1408 Carmel Dr. — Lafayette, LA 70501-5215
Call Trista Littell # 337.261.5598 or 337.261.5607

Survivor of Suicide Support Group
The Family Tree & The Jacob Crouch Support Group for anyone who has experienced 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
  ☐ infertility, ☐ miscarriage, ☐ abortion, ☐ other

☐ Loss of a Child or Grandchild (including stillbirth)
  ☐ minor __ (age) or adult ____ years old

☐ Loss of a Parent

☐ Loss of a Spouse

☐ Loss of a Sibling or Friend

☐ Other Losses: __ Aunt/Uncle, __ Niece/Nephew, __ Other

How did you hear about “Come to the Well”?

Link for online registration: https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=eJQcnF

If mailing registration, remittance & registration information are to be mailed to:
Diocece of Lafayette, Office of Pro Life Apostleolate
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 Apostleolate

Amount Enclosed: _________ Cash: _____ or Check Number: ____________

Registrant’s Name
Address
City/State/Zip
Phone/Home/Coll/ 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.”

Dan Mardis
"I have been able to share my pain with others and that is healing in itself. I was able to understand that I was not alone in my pain..."