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.

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.

Your privacy and confidentiality will be observed.

Invitation

November 7, 2020

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

Presenters

Most Reverend J. Douglas Deshotel, D.D.
Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel was installed April 15, 2016 as the seventh Bishop of the Diocese of Lafayette. Most Reverend J. Douglas Deshotel, D.D., attended Immaculata Minor Seminary High School in Lafayette and continued his studies in Texas, earning a B.A. in Philosophy at Holy Trinity Seminary and then a Masters of Divinity at the University of Dallas.
Following his 1978 ordination to the priesthood for the Diocese of Dallas, he was assigned to various church parishes as associate pastor and pastor. Additionally, he served as the Vice Rector of Holy Trinity Seminary in Irving, Texas, the Diocesan Presbytery Council, the Diocesan Priests’ Personnel Board, the Diocesan Finance Council, and numerous other positions in administration and personnel areas. He was ordained in 2010 as Auxiliary Bishop of Dallas, where he served until his appointment to the Diocese of Lafayette.

Jason and Adrienne Mejias
Jason and Adrienne have been married since 2001 and have 2 living children. Adrienne is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist in private practice, and Jason is the facility supervisor at the Episcopal School of Acadiana. Over the past year, Jason and Adrienne became certified in the Grief Recovery Method (GRM). They will talk about their experiences with child loss and how the GRM brought about healing that neither imagined was possible.

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.

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”.邦

Jason and Adrienne Mejias

Karol D. Meynard

Deacon Barney Lejeune
Support Groups

CoDependent Recovery Meetings
A fellowship of men and women whose common purpose is to develop healthy relationships. Meetings are held each Thursday from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. except Diocesan Holidays.
Contact: Trista Littell @ 337.261.5598 for more information.

Compassionate Friends
Support group for anyone who has suffered the loss of a child. Held 3rd Monday of the month @ 6:30 p.m. St. Barnabas Episcopal Church - Camelia Blvd., Lafayette
Contact: Robin Landry @ 337.380.5804

Elizabeth Ministry Support Group
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
Help for families who have experienced miscarriages, stillbirths or the loss of an infant. Directs families when they are in need of information and/or counseling. Financial assistance offered for end-of-life expenses and/or medical expenses. Phone: 337-534-4209
www.maddiesfootprints.org

Red Bird Ministries
Catholic, pro-life and pro-family grief support ministry 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.org
Contact: kelly@redbird.love 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 Littell @ 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

Acknowledgments
Office of Pro Life Apostolate
Office of Marriage and Family Life
Hospice of Acadiana

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Bishop Douglas Deshotel
Adrienne and Jason Mejias
Deacon Barney Lejeune
Karol Meynard

Living Scripture
Sharon O’Neill and Terry Smith

Musicians
Suzanne Babineaux
Benny Littell
Mike Binnings
Lisa Shannon

Liturgical Movement
Tina Hebert

Come to the Well Team of Volunteers

Date: November 7, 2020 (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 October 30, 2020
Link for online registration: https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=efQcnF

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

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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
☐ Other Losses:
  __ child __ parent __ sibling __ other
  __ Aunt/Uncle, __ Niece/Nephew __ 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: __________

☐ Other:

How did you hear about “Come to The Well”? ________________

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

If mailing registration, 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 October 30, 2020

Checks payable to: DOL—Office of Pro Life Apostolate

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.”