

# Strength for the Journey

*A Grief Ministry for Parents who have lost children*



*“Hope lifts up those who are filled with sorrow and carries them to a place of peace.”*



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## Weekend retreat for parents who have lost children



**October 29 – 31, 2021**

At the Diocese of Victoria  
Spiritual Renewal Center in  
Victoria, Texas

*Check in at 4pm on Friday  
Concludes Sunday afternoon*

**“The Lord is close to the brokenhearted, saves those whose spirit is crushed.”**

~ Psalm 34:19 (NABRE)

Join us for a grief weekend retreat for parents who have lost their children of any age, for any reason, whether your loss is recent or in the past. Coping with the death of a child is very difficult. Parents are in a place they have never been before, often overwhelmed by the grief that follows. Grief does not end in a prescribed number of days, weeks, months or years. We are a group of parents who have lost children and will walk this grief journey with you.

The weekend will include time to pray, reflect, and listen to speakers including clergy, licensed professional counselors (LPCs), and parents who have lost children. Participants will have the opportunity to share their own story, or simply remain silent if they prefer. The retreat will take place at the beautiful Spiritual Renewal Center in Victoria, Texas, a place where many have found renewed hope and healing in God.

In addition to this retreat, we also offer monthly grief support meetings. For more information, visit [www.victoriadiocese.org/grief-support](http://www.victoriadiocese.org/grief-support)

**To register, visit [www.victoriadiocese.org/grief-support](http://www.victoriadiocese.org/grief-support), or complete this form and mail to P.O. Box 4070, Victoria, TX 77903 with payment by check or money order made out to "Diocese of Victoria" with "grief support" in the memo line.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name (if attending) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Email \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Do you or your spouse have any medical or dietary restrictions, as well as any physical or handicap requirements? If so, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Emergency Contact:** (someone not attending this retreat)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number and Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the names of children you have lost, their birth/delivery date, and date of death

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How did you hear about this retreat? \_\_\_\_\_

Is there anything that you would like us to know about you as we prepare for the retreat?

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Please circle your room preference (includes lodging, meals and materials).

Individual (own room) \$265

Shared room (2 per room) \$198 each

Name of requested roommate: \_\_\_\_\_

If you need financial assistance, partial scholarships may be available. Questions? Please Contact Pat Hoelscher at 979-257-9984, [phoelscher@victoriadiocese.org](mailto:phoelscher@victoriadiocese.org) or Deacon Larry Hoelscher at 979-578-3934.