



# BEREAVEMENT FACILITATOR TRAINING

## Family Life Office offers virtual Bereavement facilitator trainings

**Bereavement facilitator trainings** focus on concepts of grief and loss along with practical group dynamics, spiritual support and emotional healing in a community setting. The upcoming virtual training workshop is scheduled as follows:

When: **Two Wednesdays, December 2 and December 9, 2020**

Time: **6:00pm – 8:30pm**

- Registration for the training sessions is needed by **Friday, November 27, 2020**. **Participants must register in advance to receive the zoom link.** If additional time is needed to complete the training, a third session will be scheduled for **Wednesday, December 16, 2020**.
- **Pastor approval is required.** We will verify that each participant's pastor has recommended him or her for the training based on considerations listed below.
- For more information, or to register a person, contact **Vincent DaSilva** at **(646) 794-3168** or [Vincent.DaSilva@archny.org](mailto:Vincent.DaSilva@archny.org). (if registering by email, please include the participant's name and contact information, the pastor's name and contact information, and the parish and city.)

*\* Please note: Participants must attend both evening sessions to receive certification*

### ***Some factors a pastor may want to consider in recommending a potential Bereavement Facilitator:***

- The person is not grieving a recent loss themselves and they have coped with past losses
- The person has a gift to communicate in a gentle, empathic manner, and can keep confidence
- The person is of sound judgment and has the ability to facilitate a group (we will provide facilitation skills)
- The person is she is a practicing Catholic and faithful to the Teachings of the Catholic Church, particularly in regard to paragraphs 991-992, 1005-1015, and 1017 in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.