



ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK
FAMILY LIFE

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Dear Pastor,

To provide greater outreach to Catholics who are separated or divorced, the Family Life Office will be offering a **Facilitator Training Session** for parish leaders to learn how to facilitate the 12-week ***“Surviving Divorce: Hope And Healing For The Catholic Family”*** program. The training will coach attendees to offer this healing program to those who experience the break-up of their marriages.

The Facilitator Training will be held on **Saturday, September 24, 2022, at the Catholic Center (1011 First Avenue, 7th floor) from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm** (see attached flyer). A light lunch will be provided, and there is **no cost** for this training day.

The ***Surviving Divorce*** Facilitator Training consists of viewing small segments of the program DVDs and discussing topics including, but not limited to:


- Facilitating Support Groups
- Understanding the journey from Divorce to Healing
- Ordering materials and setting up a 12-week session at your parish/cluster
- Addressing difficult issues that may arise during the 12-week session

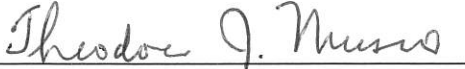
All potential facilitators **must** be approved by their pastor prior to attending the training, and we ask the pastor to acknowledge the person as a practicing Catholic, faithful to the Teachings of the Catholic Church (recommendation form attached).

We will provide the parish with the ***Surviving Divorce*** Leader Guide and the 12-DVD set. There is no cost for the Leader Guide/DVD set; the only cost to the parish to host the 12-week course (DVD player; refreshments, etc.) will depend somewhat on how many people will attend your 12-week program. (Note: Each participant in the 12-week session will need to pay for his/her own participant course book/materials which are approx. \$20).

For further information or if you have questions, please contact Carmen Noschese, MS MFT (Coordinator of Ministry to the Separated & Divorced) at **646-794-3194** or email: carmen.noschese@archny.org.

Sincerely,


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