

SISTERS OF LIFE

"Let the ministry of reconciliation go to work – the Christ who said, 'pick up the pieces lest they be lost.'"

- John Cardinal O'Connor

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Dear Father,

God's blessings to you. My goodness, you know well - nothing in these past months has been, or in the near future will be, ordinary or predictable! You have experienced this profoundly, no doubt, in your priesthood, in the life of your parish, and certainly in the lives of the faithful. Accordingly, we have had to adjust the yearly letter to you promoting our ministry of Hope & Healing after abortion.

With the permission from your bishop, we are sending along materials, this year electronically, on our ministry for those who are suffering the effects of abortion, which we hope will help support you in your own ministry of mercy at your parish. This work was very much in the heart of his Eminence, John Cardinal O'Connor. Our Hope & Healing Retreat Ministry includes Days of Prayer and Healing (in English and Spanish), on-going accompaniment through monthly Gatherings, women's study groups, weekend retreats, and other special events. These past months, we added various virtual means of staying connected with the women served in this ministry.

Women who have gone through our ministry have benefited greatly and desire to give back through witnessing to others, volunteering in many varied ways, and supporting other women just beginning the journey of healing. They have courageously spoken to wider audiences, including newly ordained priests, seminarians, high school groups, and parishes – to great effect. Trained counselors are present at every Day of Prayer and Healing.

We have learned that many women will travel distances, for anonymity's sake, to attend our various events, and therefore we would like to continue informing all priests in the tristate dioceses of our Hope & Healing Ministry.

Materials providing information about our ministry that are to be made available to you include:

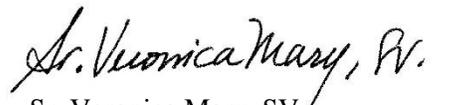
- **Flyer(s)** for posting at Church entrances and in Church halls
- **Brochure(s)** for placement near entrances/exits
- **Business cards** for use in the sacramental priestly ministry, etc.
- **Bulletin announcements in English and Spanish** (In the past several years, we have received a significant amount of referrals from women who have seen announcements of events in parish bulletins.)

If you would like to receive hard copies of any or all of the above, we are happy to send these to you. Please fill out the form provided, or contact us at hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org or at (866) 575-0075 and indicate how many of each you would like to receive.

It is our hope that more of God's people who are suffering after abortion may find peace, hope, healing, and full integration into the sacramental life of the Church. More than ever, be assured of the prayers of all the Sisters of Life, which have doubled during this time we are living through together. Should you have any questions, feel free to call the Coordinator of our Hope & Healing Mission, Sr. Veronica Mary, SV, at (914) 968-8094, or email the mission team at the email address above.

Sincerely in Christ, Our Life,


Mother Agnes Mary, SV
Superior General


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