

WATER THE SEED

Stephen Ministry training will equip you, and our congregation will support you, so that you can show God's mercy, care, and compassion to another who is hurting. You will walk beside your care receiver, pray for him or her, and help him or her work through life's difficulties.

*Caring
nurtures the
seed of God's
love—in the
care receiver's
heart and in
yours.*



GOD WILL MAKE IT GROW

Through this ministry God will bring forth new life and renewed faith in both your care receiver and in you as a Stephen Minister.

Is God calling you to serve in this way? Here are two upcoming opportunities to learn more:

**Lourdes Stephen Ministry
Weekend**
August 10-11 at all masses

**Lourdes Stephen Ministry
Information Session**
*August 12 at 7 p.m. in the
Parish Hall*

I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.
(1 Corinthians 3:6-9 NRSV)

PLANT THE SEED

Stephen Ministry is our congregation's one-to-one caregiving ministry. God works through Stephen Ministers to plant a seed of hope and healing in a person whose life seems barren and forlorn because of some crisis or tragedy.

What do Stephen Ministers do?

Stephen Ministers:

- ↪ Listen
- ↪ Explore feelings
- ↪ Pray
- ↪ Share Christ's love
- ↪ Maintain confidentiality
- ↪ Attend to the caregiving process and leave the results to God

Stephen Ministers care for people who are:

- ↪ Grieving
- ↪ In a crisis
- ↪ In need of long-term care
- ↪ Dying
- ↪ Hospitalized
- ↪ Divorcing
- ↪ Experiencing losses as they age
- ↪ Going through a crisis of childbirth
- ↪ The family and friends of people in crisis

To learn more about becoming a

Stephen Minister, contact:

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STEPHEN MINISTRY: God Gives the Growth