

Fr. Paul

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O.L.A. Parish Council

Subject: Pastoral Assistant's Report – June 13, 2022

### **Bereavement Support Group**

Last week Bridget and I took the group through the last of the 6 sessions provided in the booklet we are using. This week we have added a special 7<sup>th</sup> session to provide a meaningful closing with a special interaction for all with Sister Margaret Ellen, followed by a 'Pot Luck' meal. Father Paul is planning on coming for support as well.

We agreed as a group, we will meet again for a date to be determined in the fall to gather the group and to share where each is at that time in their journey of grief, and discuss the good, as well as the challenges experienced.

There was positive feedback with the participants expressing gratitude for the experience through the 6 sessions.

We asked the group to let us know if they learn of anyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one – someone we may have missed either through our reaching out to those we knew had a loss, or missed through the notices in the bulletin or pulpit announcements. When we learn of more we will tailor the time to those we learn we can serve, as we did with this group.

We let everyone know, this is not 'goodbye', we will be here for them and that we are all traveling on this journey of faith and life together. An absolute pleasure working with Bridget on this.

### **Operation Archangel/Safety Committee**

We are awaiting a date yet to meet with Law Enforcement.

God Bless you all

Gary