

# BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

**Matthew 5:4** tells us: “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.”

**Mission Statement:** The mission of the Ave Maria Parish Bereavement Ministry is to bring comfort, guidance, prayer and support to individuals and families experiencing the various stages of the loss of loved ones. Bereavement ministers can also assist families in the planning of funeral liturgies and will continue to offer grief support for as long as is needed. Our entire team has been formally trained in all aspects of Bereavement Care at the diocesan level and includes both Ave Maria Parish Clergy and Lay Ministers. They are generous and caring men and women who have made the commitment to accompany their fellow parishioners through the journey of grief.

To engage with our Bereavement Team, or to inquire about training to be a part of this ministry, please contact our Ministry Director, Ana Maria Anastasiades at [am.anastasiades@gmail.com](mailto:am.anastasiades@gmail.com) or Deacon Paul Sparrow at [Paul.S@avemariaparish.org](mailto:Paul.S@avemariaparish.org).

