

## ***Bereavement Support Group Facilitator Training*** *for*

- ✿ *Parishioners currently working with the bereaved of a parish and/ or who will be setting up a bereavement support group in the parish.*
- ✿ *Participants must be invited and **pre-screened** by Parish Leadership or Pastoral Care Coordinator (screening material available from Pastoral Care Ministry Office)*

*Each Bereavement Support Group should have 2 Co-Facilitators; thus, we encourage 2 appropriately screened people to be registered for the training, either both from the same parish or 2 from different parishes within the same vicariate.*

### **3 Day Training**

**WHEN:**            **Friday      9/21/18 – 9 am to 3 pm (lunch & 2 breaks included)**  
                         **Friday      9/28/18 – 9 am to 3 pm (lunch & 2 breaks included)**  
                         **Saturday    9/29/18 – 9 am to 3 pm (lunch & 2 breaks included)**

**WHERE:**           **Our Lady of the Assumption Parish**  
                         **498 Watervliet-Shaker Road, Latham, NY 12110**

**TRAINERS:**      **Davia Boyle**  
Davia is a graduate of Maria College Bereavement Studies Program and has served as an adjunct faculty member at Maria College since 2010. She worked as a Bereavement Services Coordinator for a local funeral home for 8 years and has volunteered for Community Hospice, Wave Riders and facilitated Bereavement Support Groups, as well as workshops on grief management.

**Margaret Syrett**  
Margaret became involved in Compassionate Friends, after the death of her son in 1980. She volunteered as a co-leader of their support groups for 22 years. She worked at Community Hospice of Schenectady as a Bereavement Coordinator for 6 years and at a local funeral home as a Bereavement Coordinator for 2 years, before retiring in 2002.

**FEE:**                **\$100.00** (Includes cost of book, hand-out material, morning refreshments and lunch)

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**Topics presented include:**

- ▣ Defining normal grief: grieving is natural; not grieving is unnatural
- ▣ Identifying types of losses and factors that affect grieving patterns
- ▣ Exploring different types of grief and when to refer to a professional or another group
- ▣ Identifying gender differences in grieving, including styles of grieving
- ▣ Discussing the impact of religion, spirituality and culture on grief/grieving
- ▣ Identifying coping mechanisms and destructive ways of coping
- ▣ Exploring the answers to “How do we Heal/Reinvest in Life?”
- ▣ Interviewing and screening participants
- ▣ Discussing the basics of facilitation
- ▣ Discussing types of groups and environments, group dynamics and group processes
- ▣ Troubleshooting and dealing with problem participants
- ▣ Experiencing and evaluating a mock group
- ▣ Identifying means of self-care for facilitators
- ▣ Bereavement Resources

☀ *Training sessions include information on discernment and boundaries, group experiences, presentations, interactive exercises, prayer and reflection.*

☀ *Attendance at all sessions is required for a Certificate.*

☀ *Limited to 20 registrants; pre-screening & pre-registration by 9/14/18 is required*

*For more information, please contact:*

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**REGISTRATION FORM**

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3 Day Training***

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**WHERE** Our Lady of the Assumption Church, 498 Watervliet-Shaker Road, Latham, NY

**PRESENTER** Davia Boyle and Margaret Syrett

**HOW TO REGISTER** (Pre-registration is required/space is limited; deadline is September 14, 2018)

**1. Online Registration \$104.00\***

- a. Go to <https://portal.rcda.org:81/PastoralCareRegistration/>  
Complete Registration Form online and Pay online

**2. Mailed Registration with \$100.00\* check made out to "Albany Diocesan Cemeteries"**

- a. Go to <https://www.rcda.org/2018bsgft>  
b. Print Registration Form and send completed Form and \$100.00 check made out to  
"Albany Diocesan Cemeteries" to: Pastoral Care Ministry/Maria  
40 N. Main Ave., Albany, NY 12203

\*Please note that the fee is non-refundable unless the event is cancelled.

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2018 Bereavement Support Group Facilitator Training, Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Latham (rev. 7-24-18)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ [ ]

(Last) (First)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(Street) (City) (Zip)

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

Cell or  Daytime Phone Number (Please Print Clearly)

**Pre-Screened by:** \_\_\_\_\_ or Harley McDevitt, Director

Parish Information: \_\_\_\_\_

(Parish Name) (Parish City)

How did you hear about this event?  Email  Parish Bulletin  Newspaper \_\_\_\_\_

Pennysaver  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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