

PEER MINISTRY



MINISTRY DESCRIPTION/OVERVIEW:

The Peer Ministry offers an opportunity to walk with someone who shares a similar experience or emotional journey. Peer ministers are committed to helping others with similar challenges as themselves, and to providing a welcoming spiritual atmosphere through support, community-building and care for the needs of their peers.

ACTIVITIES OF MINISTRY:

- Share in the journey of a peer who is struggling with a similar experience as yours.
- Provide presence, care and support.
- Meet with the person as needed.

EXPECTATIONS OF MINISTRY

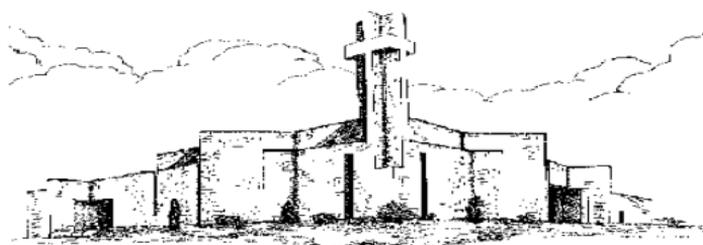
- Maintain confidentiality
- Be willing to share your own personal experience
- Walk with someone as they work through their challenge

Witness Statement 1:

I am a part of Peer Ministry at Our Lady of Mercy because I believe God has guided me through the many trials in my life and I want to take those events and turn them into blessings for others. I was given the opportunity to share what I went through during my recovery process from a brain injury with another person. Her brother recently had experienced a brain injury and I was able to offer her hope and insight into small strategic tools that helped me. She told me afterwards how grateful she was because our conversation gave her more understanding about what he was dealing with which she did not realize. I believe we can take any life experience even those that have caused pain, physically or mentally, and turn it into a walk with Christ if we choose to.

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The Peer Ministry Team is not meant to replace professional counseling.



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