

**Holy Family Parish in Caledonia
is offering a care program for divorced and separated Catholics.**



It is centered on twelve professionally mastered DVD shows featuring twelve REAL LIFE divorce stories of hope and healing. They are young and old; their spouse left some of them. Others felt forced to file divorce. Regardless, no one wanted to end up this way.

They are worried about their kids, money, the future, what others will say, and what the church says about state of life. Can they go to Communion? Are they excommunicated? Do they have to get an annulment? These are questions they had, and ones others may have, too. With each DVD there is then time for discussion, reflection and support. Each week covers topics of shock, denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness, money, the courts, the children, the ex-spouse, annulment, dating, sexuality, spirituality, remarriage or staying single, and much more. Whether you got divorced ten days ago or ten years ago, the program offers valuable insight for everyone.

Experts in the series include some of the best and brightest professionals in Catholic media: Rose Sweet (series producer and author of the book), Dr. Ray Guarnedi (Catholic psychologist, author, and EWTN talk show host), Fr. Mitch Pacwa (EWTN host and a child of divorce), Fr. Donald Calloway (Catholic priest, speaker, and child of divorce), Christopher West (theologian and teacher of Theology of the Body), and Fr. Steve Porter (Catholic priest and spiritual director). The DVD series also includes Catholic men and women who share their gut-wrenching but inspiring stories of divorce and recovery.

You'll cry, laugh and be encouraged.

**The group will meet at Holy Family on
Thursdays at 7pm starting Sept. 14 through mid-December.
If you are divorced or separated, or know a Catholic who is –
whether practicing the faith or away from the Church right now –
please contact Christine Shafer, Director of Pastoral Care & Faith Formation,
for more information at 616-891-9259 or cshafer@holyfamilyscaledonia.org.**

There is a \$10 registration fee to cover the cost of the participant guide; if a financial burden, assistance is available. Please pre-register for childcare.

Surviving Divorce

Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Parish or Church: _____

Are you civilly divorced? Please explain. _____

Have you begun the annulment process yet? _____

Would you like to make an appointment to speak with the pastor/parish advocate?

Do you need to know more about the annulment process? _____

What would you like to get from this group? _____

What major concerns or questions do you have? _____

Please complete and return this form to your leader. Thank you!



Confidentiality Agreement

Leader: Please have each participant read and sign this form at the first meeting.

As a participant in the Surviving Divorce program, I am encouraged to:

- Make every effort to attend each meeting, both as a help for myself and a support for the other group members.
- Show up on time each week out of respect for the group.
- Be a good listener and share my experiences and opinions when appropriate.
- Not shame, condemn, or otherwise attack the character of any group member.
- Stay in touch with group members where I feel I can get or give support.
- Not interfere in the recovery and healing process by dating or developing a romantic relationship with another participant during the program.
- Begin to develop a deeper relationship with God and allow the Holy Spirit to work in my life.
- Pray for the members of the group, the leaders, and their families.

As a participant in the Surviving Divorce program, I am required to:

- Maintain confidentiality within the group.
- Refrain from “bashing” my spouse, former spouse, or an entire gender.

I agree to the terms and conditions encouraged and required above:

Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

Please complete and return this form to your leader. Thank you!