



PROVIDES CARE to couples and families in times of difficulty and loss

RATE THE FOLLOWING:

3 = Yes! We do that 2 = We do it, but it needs improvement 1 = No, we don't do that

Pastoral CARING for those in Need

"... We bishops urge couples in crisis to turn to the Lord for help. We also encourage them to make use of the many resources, including programs and ministries offered by the Church, that can help to save marriages, even those in serious difficulty."

*From Marriage
Life in the Divine Plan*

Pastoral CARING for times of Difficulties

- 1. Priests and deacons have intervention skills to help in initial care for struggling marriages.
- 2. A pastoral plan or "Marriage Care" is in place for couples who come to us with problems.
- 3. Someone on staff is knowledgeable to make good counseling referrals to pro-marriage counselors, Retrouvaille, etc.
- 4. Couples are supported through the adjustments of pregnancy and new parenting.
- 5. Couples struggling with infertility are supported and given guidance that conforms with Catholic teaching.
- 6. Couples are supported through the adoption process and beyond.
- 7. Support for those in 2nd marriages/ blended families is available.
- 8. Education and support is available for pornography and substance abuse addictions and financial difficulties.
- 9. Partnerships exist with other parishes/ cluster for assisting hurting marriages.
- 10. Copies of USCCB's When I call for Help pamphlet are available.

- 11. Domestic violence hot-line number is published in bulletin. 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)
- 12. Post-abortion healing resources are advertised. www.hopeafterabortion.org
- 13. Support is given to families experiencing military deployment and assisted through the reintegration process.
- 14. A pastoral plan is developed to assist those couples and families experiencing concern about immigration issues.

Pastoral CARING for times of Loss

- 15. Bereavement care is available for those who have lost a spouse.
- 16. Couples are supported through loss of pregnancy, miscarriage, stillbirth.
- 17. Couples are supported through the loss of child.
- 18. Parents are supported when a child says they are struggling with same sex attraction.

Total Score

out of possible 54

Top three priorities for Pastoral CARING for those in need:

Item No.	Action (Improve/Begin)
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____