

PASTOR'S COLUMN

“Our Parish Bereavement Facilitator”

At the time of death of a loved one, family members who surround the one whom has died are forced to make a number of choices and decisions that need to be made in a relatively short period of time while in the midst of grief and sorrow.

In order to assist the family during this difficult time, a bereavement facilitator can be most helpful. A bereavement facilitator walks with the family from the time of death through the funeral, final disposition, and reception. The bereavement facilitator assists the family in making all of the necessary decisions.

After consultation with the Parish Staff, I am happy to announce that Sr. Maureen Brown, who is a member of our Parish and who is the Chairperson of the Evangelization Committee, has accepted my request to become the Church of St. Thomas More's Bereavement Facilitator.

When the death of a loved one occurs, and a call is made to the Parish to make funeral arrangements, the family will immediately be put in touch with Sister Maureen. She will walk with the family through this difficult time and assist in all the necessary arrangements. She will interface with the staff on behalf of the family and help to coordinate the plans for the Funeral Liturgy and possible reception.



It is our hope that Sr. Maureen will help to ease the pain of the family as they move through this difficult time.

I know that Sr. Maureen, all the Parish Staff, and myself ask for your patience and understanding as we begin this ministry. Each experience of death and burial will provide us with an opportunity to better minister to the grieving family, as we reach out with care, love, and concern as a Parish Family.

Please pray for us, and in a special way for Sr. Maureen, as this ministry begins!

F. Mike