



We all experience the feeling of loss or transition at one time or another.

A BeFriender Minister is ...

*...A person who has received training to provide a confidential listening presence.*

A BeFriender Minister is not ...

*...A counselor*

*...A problem solver*

*...A casual visitor*

BeFriender Ministers minister to people who are experiencing trying times, such as...

*...Welcoming a new child through birth or adoption.*

*...Going through a marital separation or divorce.*

*...Coping with a disability.*

*...Being seriously ill, hospitalized, or homebound, or providing care.*

*...Grieving the loss of a spouse, parent, child, or other loved one.*

*...Feeling lonely and depressed.*

*...Experiencing a job loss or facing a career transition.*

BeFriender Ministers are trained in these areas...

*...Listening skills*

*...Maintaining confidentiality*

*...Issues of aging*

*...Issues of grief & loss*

*...Using spiritual resources*



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Everyone goes through difficult times. Having someone to listen, to care, to share God's love with us, can help us get through our confusion and stress, and the loneliness we might feel . . . Having a BeFriender can help!

***"Help carry one another's burdens,  
and in this way you will fulfill  
the laws of Christ!"  
Galatians 6:2***

For more information  
about BeFriender Ministry,  
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**When you or  
someone you know  
needs someone to  
listen...**



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### What is BeFriender Ministry?

BeFriender Ministry is a lay pastoral care program. Specially trained lay persons enter into caring relationships with others at times of special need by visiting them and bringing them emotional and spiritual support. They do this by accepting people as they are and listening with compassion. BeFrienders are not “counselors.” They do not solve problems or give advice. They are simply the loving presence of God’s Church for others by their listening and faith sharing.

### How often will a BeFriender visit?

The frequency of visits will be determined by the one being befriended and the BeFriender minister. Generally, visits take place every week or two and last about an hour. Those who are befriended are given regular appointments to evaluate the need for ongoing visits.

### What about confidentiality?

BeFrienders maintain a strict policy of confidentiality. They respect the privacy of all who are befriended.

### How do I begin the process for myself or someone else?

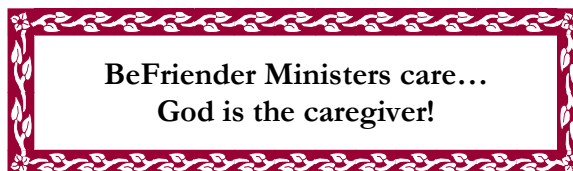
Complete the form in this brochure and return it to the Parish Office or drop it in the collection basket at Mass. *Remember, if you are doing it on behalf of someone else, be sure to obtain their permission first.* Once we are aware of your desire to learn more about having a BeFriender visit you or someone you know, Kay Williams, BeFriender Coordinator, will speak with you to learn more about the situation and answer any questions you may have about BeFriender Ministry. Upon agreement, a BeFriender Minister will be assigned to meet with you or the person desiring visits. The BeFriender Minister will contact you to set up a mutually convenient time.

*“Come to me all you who are weary and find life burdensome, and I will refresh you.”*

—Matthew 11:28

*“Cast all your worries on God, Because God cares for you.”*

—1 Peter 5:7



**Please have Kay Williams,  
BeFriender Coordinator contact:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Daytime Phone Number:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Check one:

I am interested in having a BeFriender Minister visit me.

Or

I know someone who would like to have a BeFriender Minister visit them. *I have their permission to speak with you about this.*

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