

DATES for the diary

- ▶ **MODULE ONE: 10th NOVEMBER**
- ▶ **MODULE TWO: 19th JANUARY**
- ▶ **MODULE THREE: 16th FEBRUARY**
- ▶ **ALL at CLONLIFFE**
- ▶ **9.30am – 1.30pm**



New Cycle of Funeral Ministry Training

- ▶ 3 Modules
- ▶ **Module 1:**
- ▶ Funeral Ministry Teams
- ▶ **Module 2:**
- ▶ Policy and Ministry
- ▶ **Module 3:**
- ▶ Planning and Praying

- ▶ Each module includes prayer experiences
- ▶ In between each module there is space to reflect on learnings
- ▶ Participants will be encouraged to keep a journal
- ▶ There will be a practical exercise in the parish setting
- ▶ Helping participants to grow into this ministry of accompaniment

MODULE 1: Funeral Ministry Teams

- ▶ **Session One: What is Funeral Ministry?**
- ▶ *Grounded in the ministry of consolation, care and compassion*
- ▶ *Connecting to scripture*
- ▶ *Beginning to explore prayer texts*
- ▶ *Reflect on local practice*
- ▶ **Session Two: Forming a Funeral Ministry Team**
- ▶ *Looks at various roles lay people can take up*
- ▶ *the complementarity that can exist in the team.*
- ▶ **Session Three: Skills in Accompanying others**
- ▶ *Listening skills, Prayer Skills, Leading and Setting Up Skills*



MODULE 2: POLICY and MINISTRY

- ▶ **Session One: Diocesan Funeral Policy**
- ▶ *How this informs our practice*
- ▶ *Reflecting on what works well*
- ▶ **Session Two: The Catholic Funeral and accompanying liturgies**
- ▶ *Becoming familiar with the stages of accompaniment*
- ▶ *The purpose of the Rites*
- ▶ **Session Three: : *Specific Role of the Funeral Ministry Team***
- ▶ *Looking at your local situation*
- ▶ *What are you being asked to do?*
- ▶ *What will help you grow into this role?*



Module Three:

PLANNING and PRAYING

- ▶ **Session One: Visiting the Home**
- ▶ *What skills are needed for home visits*
- ▶ *What might happen in a home visit*
- ▶ *Praying with the family at home*
- ▶ **Session Two: Planning the Funeral with the Bereaved**
- ▶ *Becoming familiar with the prayers and readings*
- ▶ *How to help the family make choices*
- ▶ *Practical considerations*
- ▶ **Session Three: Leading Prayer and Liturgies**
- ▶ *What are prayerful conditions*
- ▶ *Confidence in leading and knowing the Liturgy*

