

Local Grieving Parents' Group Producing Guide for Funeral Directors

Earlier this year, MFDA asked the Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents if they could put together some an article for *Inside Edition* with some thoughts and recommendations for funeral directors to better serve parents who lose a child.

Diane Monaghan, a member of the ministry's Board of Directors, received such an overwhelming response from the parents who have sought solace and received comfort and support from Emmaus that she is in the process of producing a handbook specifically for funeral directors, *"For They Shall Be Comforted."*

Monaghan recently shared excerpts from the forthcoming handbook that [can be downloaded here](#).

Through spiritual retreats - held in sessions of one hour, one day or for a weekend - the Emmaus Ministry permits parents to 'undress their hearts' before God and others who know and feel their pain. Over the last five years, the ministry, based at St. Anthony's Shrine in Boston, has served hundreds of parents from 16 states and Canada.

Started in 2009, The Pieta Ministry at St. Anthony Shrine in Boston, the organization is unique to the Northeast, and possibly to the U.S. The organization does not know of a similar type of ongoing ministry focused on the spirituality of the parents' grieving process anywhere in the continental United States.

If you would like to order the handbook or want more information about the Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents, please [contact Monaghan by email](#) or call her at [617.542.8057](tel:617.542.8057).

The Boston Herald recently ran a feature story about the Emmaus Ministry, which focuses on the spiritual needs of grieving parents. You can read the article [here](#).