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Bereavement

I'm hoping to meet with Bridget and Alice this week or next to put together another bereavement reunion (probably for June) of our participants from our two groups which met last spring and fall. It will be centered around one of the podcasts that I mentioned previously. We will take this opportunity to invite those that may have more recent losses to join us if they wish. Of course, as we discover the need to begin another group, we will be ready.

A need for more Lay Liturgical Ministers

On April 12th we had the coordinator's gathering I mentioned in last month's report. We are planning a lay liturgical ministry fair after the weekend Masses on June 3rd and June 4th. The 2 minute talks by coordinators or their designates have been happening after the Masses to give those in the pews an opportunity to begin considering their call to ministry, and will continue until we get to the dates of the Fair – June 3rd and June 4th after the Masses. Some are beginning to request more information on our liturgical ministries, and I see that as a sign of God's hope and grace working. Ideally, we will have at least some of those interested to be younger parishioners – in there 20's 30's and 40's to ensure a well- functioning church many years ahead.

Each ministry coordinator is responsible for creating a display about their ministry, so those attending the Fair can visit, speak with someone in each ministry, and check off ministry (s) they are interested in. And there will be follow-up on a timely basis afterward.

God bless you all.

Gary