

# BECOME A STEPHEN MINISTER!

Now accepting applications and conducting interviews for September training.



Stephen Ministry  
St. Mary Parish, Ridgefield, CT.  
[www.smcr.org/stephen-ministry](http://www.smcr.org/stephen-ministry)

## *What Is Stephen Ministry?*

- Stephen Ministry is a one-to-one lay caring ministry that brings Christ's healing love to people suffering everything from illness and grief to family troubles and job loss.
- Working in collaboration with our Pastor and other clergy, our lay caregivers are equipped and empowered to provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care (not advice) to people who are hurting.

## *Stephen Ministry Leaders*

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## *What do Stephen Ministers do?*

- Listen
- Explore feelings
- Pray
- Share Christ's love
- Maintain confidentiality
- Attend to the caregiving process and leave the results to God

Is God  
Calling You to this  
Important Ministry?



Could you be a  
Stephen Minister?  
***Yes, You Can!***

- **Stephen Minister training will equip you and our Parish will support you.**
- **Next Training Session to begin September 18<sup>th</sup>.**
- **Now accepting applications and conducting interviews; contact one of our Ministry Leaders.**