



## **CONSOLATION/FUNERAL MINISTRY**

“The ministry of consolation is a preeminent part of the ministry of the church.” (OCF#8)

Death of a catholic, transition from this earthly life to the eternal life with its religious rites, is considered sacred. Every death of a parishioner is a celebration not only for the particular family, but also for the whole St. Thomas the Apostle community.

Once the parish office has been contacted, a member of the Consolation/Funeral Ministry will meet with the family or friends to offer comfort, prayer and assistance in planning the services of a loved one for one or a combination of the following:

- Funeral Mass
- Funeral Service without a Mass
- Vigil Service
- Committal Service

Members of the Consolation/Funeral Ministry are present at any of the above services held in the church to help set-up and coordinate with all those involved, including clergy and other ministries. The Consolation/Funeral Ministry will see that the services are carried out with the utmost reverence and dignity.

Please contact Elaine McCarthy or Stephanie Lowman through the parish office at: 530-533-0262.

OCF: *Order of Christian Funerals, 1989 edition*, is the Catholic Church's official document regarding funeral rites.