



From the Desk of the Director of Post Abortion and Pregnancy Loss Ministry

The Life Center of Long Island is partnering with Red Bird Ministries to provide support for individuals and couples who have lost a child due to miscarriage, stillbirth, or ectopic pregnancy. As Director of our Pregnancy Loss Ministry, I have been trained by Red Bird Ministries to be a Facilitator and Grief Leader.

Although statistics reveal thousands of families have experienced the loss of a child, pregnancy and infant loss is largely an untouched subject by mainstream media and even within the Catholic Church. Thousands of parishes and families have sought the expertise of Red Bird Ministries, a non-profit organization that specializes in compassionate support infused with the Catholic faith for those who have experienced child loss of any age and circumstance.

- 1 in 4 pregnancies ends in miscarriage before 20 weeks
- 1 in 160 pregnancies ends in stillbirth
- 1 in 250 babies die before 1 month old
- 1 in 333 babies is diagnosed in utero with a life-limiting diagnosis, and parents are told they should consider aborting their baby instead of carrying to term

Red Bird Ministries serves ordinary families who have been given an extraordinary cross to carry. Red Bird Ministries is a non-profit, pro-life, and pro-family, Catholic grief support ministry serving individuals and couples who have experienced the loss of a child from pregnancy through adulthood. An organization that systematically guides individuals and couples through the complexity and trauma that happens with a loss of a child.

Individuals: The weight of this cross is very heavy to any individual who has experienced a loss in the family. Many people struggle with understanding how to navigate through the trenches of grief. Some couples admit years later that their marriages are only surviving. It is the desire of the Life Center, working with Red Bird Ministries, to help them find healing and consolation in times of unimaginable suffering through loving support from other people.

Couples: Red Bird Ministries stands out by serving and supporting families. They provide tools and resources to begin the healing process. By supporting both the father and mother together, we help couples learn how to grieve together and support one another. No matter the state of grief our families are in, we will work with families to find healing through the beautiful gifts of Our Mother Church. If you know someone seeking help with the grieving process for the loss of a child, ask them to call Lorraine Gariboldi at (631) 463-4399

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To learn more about confidential support offerings sponsored by the Life Center of Long Island, please contact

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