We are a Catholic Ministry for Divorced and Separated

What We Believe

We, the members of Catholic Divorce Ministry, reach out to our brothers and sisters and their families in the United States, Canada, and other countries, who experience the pain of separation and divorce.

We believe that the Church has a rich treasury of people, scripture, tradition, and pastoral ministry on which it can draw to serve its members whose marriages end in divorce. We strive to share this wealth and make known Christ's abundant love so that all who suffer from separation and divorce might experience healing, reconciliation, and new life.

We also recognize that separated and divorced people, through their vulnerability, suffering, courage, faithfulness, and patient endurance deserve to experience Christ and his redeeming grace in the Church. They are not mere recipients of the Church's compassion; they can be, as well, ministers of that compassion.

The CDM Logo

Our logo features a cross as a reminder of the brokenness experienced as part of every human life, and a single wave as a sign of the promise of "living water" which God offers each of us (John 4:4-42). With these elements our logo captures the reality of suffering, the invitation to drink the living water to be transformed, and the challenge to offer that living water to others.



What We Do

We dedicate ourselves to the following:

- * To search out those who have left the Catholic Church because of separation or divorce, and those who are in irregular marriages following divorce, and to assist them in their reconciliation journey;
- * To enhance the spiritual and emotional recovery and development of those who separate, divorce, or remarry;
- * To promote the formation and continued development of local support groups and peer ministry;
- * To serve as a major resource to dioceses, parish clergy, and religious and lay leadership in divorce ministry training and distribution of publications;
- * To consult and maintain liaisons with organizations, individuals, and institutions whose purposes are similar to those of CDM;
- * To welcome separated and divorced persons of other faiths who request our support; and
- * To be a united voice to the Church on the needs of today's separated and divorced families.

Our Mission Statement

CDM is dedicated to developing and expanding a peer ministry offering compassion, encouragement, support, and education to families who experience separation and divorce while affirming Catholic teaching and tradition.

Catholic Divorce Ministry



- Have you or someone you love been touched by divorce?
- Do you want to learn more about the Church's teaching on Divorce?
- Does your divorce ministry reach the divorced Catholic?

CDM — a peer ministry offering understanding and relief from grief of divorce.

CDM MEMBERSHIP FORM



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| ☐ Individual \$ 35 | | | | |
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| Catholic Divorce Ministry www.nacsdc.org | Individual | Sustaining | Parish / Group | Diocesan |
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| A United, Collective Voice to the Church for Separated and Divorced Catholics | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Jacob's Well Newsletter | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Access to Members-Only Area of Website. Visit www.nacsdc.org | √ | V | 1 | 1 |
| Building Bridges Guide Book – Tools to Support Our Families in Transition | | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| # of Discounted Registrations at our National Conference | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| # of Discounted Registrations at our Leadership Seminars | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Discounted Registrations at Select Regional Conferences | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Voting Privilege at Annual Assembly (for attendees) | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Phone Access for Questions and Ideas to Start Groups, Setting up Workshops, etc. | | | ~ | 7 |
| Access to Resource and Referral Services at our Central Office | √ | √ | 1 | 1 |
| Annual Recognition of Support included in one of our publications and/or online | | √ | | 1 |
| New Member Gift | √ | √ | 1 | 1 |
| Annual Membership Dues (U.S. Funds) | \$35 | \$100 | \$100 | \$200 |

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