



“Recovering from Divorce” is the series that will be used. This is a Divorced Catholic’s program. The group will meet twice a month to discuss topics specific to the attendees. This group is for men and women seeking healing from divorce. There is a fee to cover the cost of materials.

If you know someone that would benefit, please give them a copy of this flyer or invite them to “Recovering from Divorce”. Divorced Group will begin meeting August 8, 2017 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm in the St. Francis room.

Registration form can be accessed through our website:
www.st.alphonsus.org

There will be a one-time \$20.00 fee to cover books and materials. Please fill out the registration form and submit along with your payment (checks made payable to St. Alphonsus) to the Faith formation office or pay online through We Share:

St. Alphonsus Catholic Church
Attention: Faith Formation Office
14040 Greenwell Springs Road
Greenwell Springs, LA 70739

You may also turn into the collection basket during mass in an envelope marked faith formation office.

If you need additional information please call 225.261.4644

Registration form on next page

REGISTRATION FORM 2017
The Catholic Divorce Healing Program

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Parish (or Church): _____

(Questions below are optional.)

Are you currently? (Circle One)	Divorced	How long _____
	Separated	How long _____
	In the process of divorce	How long _____

What would you like to get from this group?

What concerns or questions do you have?

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Deadline for joining program is September 12, 2017

Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. Is this a meet and greet or dating group?**
No. This is a healing program for each individual.
- 2. Will I have to talk at the group meetings?**
No.
- 3. Is this program confidential?**
Yes. We all respect each other's right to privacy. Everyone will be required to sign a confidentiality form to participate.
- 4. Can I attend if I'm dating someone?**
Yes.
- 5. Do I have to be Catholic to attend?**
No. Our program is based around our Catholic faith, but not mandatory that you be Catholic to attend.

**St. Alphonsus Catholic Divorce Healing Program
2017-2018**

**Tuesdays
6:30-8:30 pm**

**August 8, 2017
August 22, 2017
September 12, 2017
September 26, 2017
October 17, 2017
October 24, 2017
November 14, 2017**

**November 28, 2017
December 12, 2017
January 9, 2018
January 23, 2018
February 6, 2018
February 20, 2018
March 6, 2018**

Testimonials from our first session

Oasis: something serving as a relief from what is difficult.

At first I was so nervous about going to the divorce group. I was in emotional pain and I needed to be around other people who were going through the same thing. The group leaders were so friendly and accepting that I thought, "I can do this." I went to the meetings and began to let go of the pain. So gather your courage and come join us at the oasis for healing.

Anonymous

I started the group after being separated just a little over two months. I had a mixture of emotions ranging from sadness, anger, and confusion to relief and peacefulness, and probably every emotion in between. Grieving the loss of the family and the guilt of being a Catholic divorcee was overwhelming. I knew that I needed support, but others who had not been through a separation either could not relate or understand.

This group helped me get through the most difficult time of my life. It helped normalize my feelings and offered the support and understanding of other Catholics who were going through the same thing. One year later, I am in a lot better place, and in large part because of this group. The first two meetings, I literally walked in with tears in my eyes and sadness on my face, wanting the support from the group, but not wanting to be in the situation of having a failed marriage.

By the end of the group, I walked in with a smile on my face and a new hope of a life as a divorced person. This group offered something for those newly separated, like me, and for those divorced for 10 years, all helping one another while also meeting wonderful people.

Anonymous

I was 3 years away from divorce, so I had done a lot of healing already. The program and the other people/leaders helped me to really place my life in God's hands completely through forgiveness and prayer. This destroyed the last bits of bitterness, resentment and anger which was huge in the divorce. I began praying for my ex-husband, asking God to turn his heart towards him. This prayer and my own healing allowed us to see each other in God's eyes. We are working towards reconciliation and returning to the sacrament we made to our marriage. Program is awesome!

Anonymous