



# BALTIMORE CITY GRIEF MINISTRY

If you are troubled over the violence in Baltimore City and looking for a way to help, please consider joining a new initiative sponsored by the Archdiocese of Baltimore, in partnership with city agencies and other nonprofits throughout the City. Through a network of volunteers from churches, schools, universities and other organizations, the Archdiocese is organizing a Grief Ministry to accompany families who have lost a loved one to violence. The ministry has a two-fold focus: first and foremost to support the families who are suffering such a tragic loss of life, and secondly to demonstrate as a community our care and concern by creating online memorials of the lives of their loved ones through written stories, videos, podcasts and other media.

On the other side of this card is a menu of options for how members of the community can volunteer to support a family. A separate sign up is available for those who would like to volunteer their talents to create online memorials (see [www.archbalt.org/grief-ministry](http://www.archbalt.org/grief-ministry)). Please feel free to suggest additional ways you can help in the space provided. Once we have gathered a sufficient number of volunteers, we will contact you about available trainings.

Thank you in advance for offering your time and talent to bringing peace and healing to our City.



Yes, I am interested in participating in the Grief Ministry, and have indicated below the ways I would like to volunteer (feel free to check more than one).

I am not able to participate at this time, but please add me to your email list so that I can remain informed.

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NAME

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ADDRESS

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PHONE

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EMAIL

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OCCUPATION OR EXPERTISE

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AVAILABLE NUMBER OF HOURS/MONTH FOR VOLUNTEERING

I would like to volunteer by:

- Serving as a regional coordinator (you would be contacted by an agency or church when a family has a need and would then contact volunteers)
- Serving as a point of contact to a family (we will connect you to other volunteers who can help provide the various services below)
- Providing meals or groceries
- Providing clothing, baby supplies, children's books/toys or other material needs
- Providing financial assistance for funeral costs
- Sending sympathy notes at the time of the death, at holidays, birthdays, and anniversary of the death
- Sending flowers
- Visiting family members
- Organizing prayers for the deceased at your place of worship
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return to:**

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*For more information or to sign up online, please visit [www.archbalt.org/grief-ministry](http://www.archbalt.org/grief-ministry) or email [mrussell@archbalt.org](mailto:mrussell@archbalt.org)*