

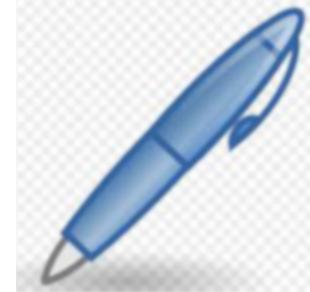
# Testimonials from past Care Receivers

*"My Stephen Minister was there for me at a time when it was more than difficult for me, at a time that I felt my life might be over with. She called, she listened, she prayed with me and gave me comfort. I didn't want to cry or talk about my fears with my husband and she let me talk about my concerns with her."*

*Caring*

*"When I felt alone or sad, my Stephen Minister was there to encourage me and cheer me up."*

*That*



*Changes*

*The Saint Francis Stephen Ministry supported me during the death of both my infant granddaughter and my wife of 54 years. The male team member was very effective and communicative during this time. Added was the "death of career" in that I retired from a lifetime of government service to "retired". He helped guide me through the adjustment to a new definition of my life. We had much in common and he was a wise guide through this forest of life in which I found myself.*

*"I sought help from our Stephen Ministers when I knew that my husband was dying. I was scared and needed help and thought that they would take over and do everything for me. I was so wrong. That is not their role.*

*My Stephen Minister became a partner with me on my journey. She became my sounding board. I was able to voice out loud for the first time, my fears and concerns. Her prayerfulness, her patient listening helped me to organize and prepare for my husband's death. Things I was putting off for so long, I was now able to do - arranging for placement in our Columbarium, organizing important papers, insurance policies, etc.*

*Her prayers for me and with me helped more than I can say."*

*Lives*

# Testimonials from our Stephen Ministers

We

*"I felt honored when I received the invitation to enter Stephen Ministry Training. I heard Jesus asking me to use my talents and time to help care for His hurting people and spread His love wherever needed."*



Are

*"It's not easy being a Stephen Minister. In fact, because of the types of situations a person might encounter, it's challenging!"*

*"Stephen Ministry is an opportunity to help a fellow parishioner get through times of stress. My one-on-one care was personal and the positive results were real, visible and rewarding."*

The

After  
People

*"I have been through more than a few situations where I didn't know where to turn for help. I struggled with most of them because I didn't turn to God. My most recent crisis brought me to the bottom of the barrel. Instead of rejecting God, I finally turned to Him for solace. I cried, I yelled, I begged for help. It didn't change the outcome of my sorrow, but what I did find was that it was easier to live my life knowing that God was by my side, and I didn't have to feel alone."*

*"At that point, I knew that I needed to find an organization that supported this Faith in God's plan. I needed to help others see that God never said we wouldn't have trials, but he always said we would not need to experience them alone. Stephen Ministry has helped me accomplish this goal."*