Meets once a month

Mantle of Hope



Healing support after abortion

We offer a confidential safe place where anyone hurting from abortion can come for understanding & support, healing, prayer and love.

After An Abortion

Although abortion trauma is largely ignored by society, we as a Christian community recognize that abortion wounds the body, soul and spirit.

SYMPTOMS Anxiety * Stress * Withdrawal * Isolation Self-hatred * Inability to forgive self * Fear of punishment from God * Guilt * Depression * Sorrow * Grief * Regret Despair * Shame * Unworthiness * Self-condemnation Anniversary reaction (related to due dates or date of abortion) * Aversion to children and/or pregnant women * An inability to trust and form lasting relationships.

IMPACT -Post Abortion Syndrome (PAS) is recognized by those serving women (and men) who experience the residual pain of abortion or abuse through evidence of self-reported and observed symptoms of emotional and behavior instability. Though all women are affected emotionally and spiritually and often relationally by an abortion, most repress the feelings of grief, anger, shame and guilt for months or years. It would appear that the longer a woman represses or suppresses these emotions, the greater the possibility of personality, mood and relational changes. Depression, anxiety, anger and alienation often color a woman's self-image following an abortion or abuse.

The symptoms described in Post Abortion Syndrome are indicators of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. Many medical and mental health professionals fail to recognize the painful aftermath of abortion in women who seek help. Many women experience exacerbation of depression or anxiety at anniversary months of either the abortion procedure or the proposed birth date of the child who was aborted.

If you or someone you know is seeking relief from the symptoms of PTSD, we invite you to contact us. There is help!





Healing - An experience of Hope

Healing is a process and takes time, but given attention, care and time, the wounded soul will heal. We are here to support you during the healing process/journey. Know you are already in our prayers! You are Not Alone!

- "When I had no more strength within myself, I turned everything over to God. Only through Christ have I learned to forgive myself and begin to heal." -Mary
- "My shame is a secret. No one can understand." -Louise
- "I feel like such a bad person." -Rose
- "It's my soul that hurts." -Daphne

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Text or call for more information or to rsvp:

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2023 Schedule

Saturday Mornings 9:30 - 11am

(Most meetings are through main office, then upstairs)

Jan 21; Feb 18; Mar 25; Apr 15;

May 20 @ St Thomas the Apostle

<u>Jun 3 in JPII</u>; July 29; Aug 19; Sept 23; Oct 14-in JPII; Nov 11-in JPII; Dec 9th

(JPII Bldg is at end of parking lot)