

## Stephen Ministers Commissioned



Following 20 sessions of formal training, 18 Stephen Ministers were commissioned on June 26. This new ministry is a collaborative initiative between the SNDs, SND Associates and St. Julie Billiart Parish in Newbury Park.

Lisa Shafran writes, “As a Notre Dame Associate, I am blessed to serve as a Stephen Minister, giving me an opportunity to fulfill our Associate mission ‘to be a hope-filled presence,’ in a very personal way. Each potential care-receiver is matched with a Stephen Minister who will walk with her/him through painful issues such as grief, loss, and loneliness. The role of the

Stephen Minister is primarily to be a confidential, reliable and caring listener, who supports, encourages and prays for the individual care receiver. In this way, we assist our care receivers to experience for themselves that God knows the plans He has for each of them, to give them a future and a hope.” (Jer. 29:11).

Congratulations and prayerful good wishes to the Stephen Ministers:

Rose Marie Bond  
 Carol Brookhart  
 Robyn Castillo  
 Sr. M. Sheila Fay  
 Sr. Marie Paul Grech  
 Lois Harrion

Sr. M. Amy Hauck  
 Martha Huggins  
 Sr. M. Angela Lee  
 Sr. Shirley Marie McGovern  
 Karyn McManama  
 Cyndy Mehner  
 Julie Monroe  
 Sr. Antoinette Marie Moon  
 Sherry Reynolds  
 Tom Ryan  
 Lisa Shafran  
 Sr. M. John Shin

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