

# **God's Children**

***“Before I  
formed you  
in the  
womb  
I knew you,***

***before you  
were born  
I dedicated  
you.”***

***Jeremiah 1:5***

*Catholic support  
and comfort for  
parents who have lost  
a baby through  
miscarriage, stillbirth  
or infant death*



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*Have you experienced the tragic loss of a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth or infant death?*

*This can be a lonely sorrow in a culture that often is unwilling to acknowledge the value of a baby whose life was brief.*

*Whether your loss is recent or was some time ago, it can lead to profound spiritual questions:  
Did God let this happen? Why?  
Where is my baby now?  
What if my baby wasn't baptized?  
Where was God?  
You might be angry with God, and you might question whether God cares about you and your baby - or even whether God exists at all.*

*If you would like some spiritual support on your journey as well as comfort and fellowship from other grieving parents, you are warmly invited to be part of God's Children.*

## *About this group*

*God's Children is a new Catholic-centered ministry sponsored by the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis and formed by parents who seek to grow in faith while providing a nurturing environment that integrates prayer and grief.*

*Gatherings include prayer, a brief talk on the topic of the evening, and opportunities for parents to share their experiences and reflections.*

*Because women and men sometimes grieve differently and can have different concerns, fathers and mothers also will have opportunities to meet separately. Masses of remembrance also are planned to formally honor your baby. Many parents appreciate the opportunity to speak freely of their baby. You are welcome to share as much or as little as you wish, and you are welcome to attend as frequently or infrequently as you would like.*

## **God's Children**

*Meets the first Thursday of each month from  
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.  
at Nativity of Our Lord  
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