

Footprints: An Unexpected Gift from God

Ministry Pastoral Needs and Requests of the Parish Priest

- Welcome new women to the program at first session. Thank them for being here and for trusting us to walk with them. Let them know you spiritually “have their back” and offer to be their shepherd when needed.
- Several times during the weeks of meetings, the women write down their concerns and petitions and place them in a small prayer box or jar. Would you allow these to be present in the church during daily Mass – perhaps near our Blessed Mother?
- The meetings often end with silent activities/prayer. May we have access to the church or chapel for this time? There is one meeting where we spend time meditating upon the crucifix.
- While we are in the church, we’d like to play appropriate music to help the women make “the connection” to Jesus. May we have your blessing to do this? The suggested play list can be shared with you ahead of time, so you are comfortable with what is being played.
- During the third week, we end our session with an adoration service with the option of having specific music played in the background. This is the only time where we ask that the Blessed Sacrament be exposed. We anticipate this will be a powerful time and will be the week that Jesus will truly become present to these young women.
- During week four, we renew our baptismal promises. It would be wonderful if you could lead them during this renewal if you are available.
- We would like to provide the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation during weeks 6 (and 7, if necessary).
- The last session occurring at week 8 is a dinner celebration. We invite family members, church representatives, ministry leads, and ministry volunteers that have adopted the women to attend. We would love to have you there to socialize with the women and their families, and to provide opening prayer and a special blessing over the mothers-to-be. And considering the Eucharist is the greatest feast of all, it would be particularly special if we could have a Mass prior to the dinner celebration!
- Could you (or deacon) be available for spiritual direction if needed for the program participants and/or facilitators?