

A Conference for the  
Widowed, Divorced and Separated

REGISTRATION FORM

Conference fee \$30.00 which includes  
a continental breakfast and lunch.

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Please RSVP by Oct. 2, 2009

Workshops (check one box for each session)

Session 1: A:  B:

Session 2: A:  B:

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Check out our website at

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For Conference Committee Use Only:

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Those who are separated, divorced and widowed experience profound pain and loneliness throughout the transition to new life as a single person. They not only suffer the

loss of a marriage relationship but of certain friendships as well.

New friendships and a faith community during this time provide support and a sense of belonging that formerly was found in the nuclear family.

**Mission Statement:** The Widowed, Divorced and Separated of Omaha is a peer-to-peer Christian Ministry sponsored by the Archdiocese of Omaha and directed to widowed, divorced and separated persons. We offer a safe environment where men and women and their families can find support in the following areas: spiritual, educational, friendship and social.

For more information about

Widowed, Divorced and Separated of Omaha  
please visit their website at [www.wdsofomaha.com](http://www.wdsofomaha.com)

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AND DIVORCED CATHOLICS

**Catholic Divorce Ministry**

It is the purpose of the CDM / NACSDC to:

- ✓ reach out to those experiencing pain;
- ✓ welcome such persons of all faiths who request support;
- ✓ bear witness to Christ and His redeeming grace in the world;
- ✓ strive to make known Christ's abundant love so that all who suffer might experience healing, reconciliation and new life;
- ✓ to foster spiritual and emotional maturity;
- ✓ to provide educational programs and resources and
- ✓ to promote the formation of local support groups.

For more information about NACSDC,  
visit their website at [www.nacsd.org](http://www.nacsd.org)

# Harvest of Hope

2009  
A Conference for the Widowed, Divorced and Separated



Saturday, October 10, 2009

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Church Building

7505 Seward Street

Omaha, NE

Sponsored by the  
Widowed, Divorced & Separated  
Support Group of Omaha

# Conference Agenda

- 8:45 Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 9:15 Opening Prayer and Introductions
- 9:30 **Keynote**  
*A Reason for Hope, Happiness, and Holiness: Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body in Daily Life* "... sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope" 1 Peter 3:15  
Foundational teachings of Pope John Paul II's *Theology of the Body* and its application to daily life, especially in the experience of suffering and loneliness, and how this truth can lead us to true hope, happiness, and holiness—today!  
SPEAKER: JESSI KARY, AO
- 10:30 Break
- 10:45 **Session 1 Workshops** (choose session A or B)
- A: **Catholic & Divorced—What's the Next Step?**  
Helpful information for a person interested in pursuing a declaration of nullity (annulment).  
SPEAKER: REV. PATRICK HARRISON
- B: **Comfort for the Journey**  
Something tactile: "hands on" therapy a part of the grief journey.  
SPEAKER: KATHY BATKO
- 11:50 **Technology Resource Overview**

12:00 **Lunch**

1:00 **Keynote**

## **The Power of Celebrating**

A journey of: Celebrating Life with Spirit, Celebrating with Enthusiasm, and Celebrating Life with Others. There are lots of laughs, memories recalled, and encouragement dished out for how to plan on celebrating life to come!

SPEAKER: RICHARD CREEK

2:00 Break

2:15 **Session 2 Workshops** (choose session A or B)

### A: **Living in our Truth and Taking Care of the Self After Loss**

Grounding ourselves one day at a time. Developing new ways to take care of ourselves and discovering being selfish is a good thing.

SPEAKER: ELLIE FIELDS

### B: **A Journey to Healing**

Personal sharing and opportunities available for people experiencing grief.

SPEAKERS: **JUDY ALLEY**, DivorceCare  
**VITUS SCHMIDT**, Beginning Experience,  
**SARA KELSEY**, Widowed Separated & Divorced

3:15 Break

3:30 Closing Prayer

## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

**JESSI KARY, AO** is a consecrated member of the Secular Institute of the Apostolic Oblates. She has a Master of Theological Studies (MTS) from Ave Maria University. Jessi works for The Institute for Priestly Formation and is the Coordinator of Campus Ministry at UNO for the Archdiocese of Omaha.

**RICHARD CREEK**—Founder of Life-Works! for most of his professional life has served and encouraged people. From his beginnings in a small rural congregation to a large metropolitan city, he has interacted with people from various walks of life, including his own family.

Marriage, divorce, tragedies, victories, to the unexplained, from behind his desk he served as a dedicated servant and sympathetic spectator. Then in 1992 the tables turned. Now finding himself a single parent of two, living in a new city, with a new profession, life became his own reality show. What had been the challenges of others now were his own issues to tackle!

## WORKSHOP SPEAKERS

**REV. PATRICK HARRISON**—Judicial Vicar, Archdiocese of Omaha Marriage Tribunal. Fr. Harrison was born and raised in Omaha. He studied Canon Law in Rome at The Gregorian University where he obtained a Canon Law degree. September 1998 he was assigned as a Judge in the Tribunal. June 1999 he was named Judicial Vicar.

**KATHY BATKO**—After losing her husband on Christmas morning, 2004, to esophageal cancer, our speaker searched for a way to bring herself comfort. As a Creative Memories Consultant Kathy found doing some tactile "hands on" things most helpful as she journeyed through her grief.

**ELLIE FIELDS**—is a psychotherapist with a masters and license in Professional Counseling. She has been in private practice for seven years and in the field of mental health 19 years. Specialized training in eye movement desensitization and reprocessing, clinical hypnosis, reiki and thought field therapy have allowed her to facilitate movement, growth and healing in individuals and more importantly, provided experiences in which the client learns to become their own healer, mind, body and spirit.

**JUDY ALLEY**—Facilitator for DivorceCare

**VITUS SCHMIDT**—Vice President Beginning Experience

**SARA KELSEY**—President, Widowed Separated & Divorced

Items for Sale: Cosgrave will have books and music for sale throughout the day. Please stop by their exhibit table to review materials available for purchase.