

## **What is Prayer Ministry?**

“All Christians in any state or walk of life are called to the fullness of Christian life... All are called to holiness: “Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”...God calls us all to this intimate union with him,.. CCC 2013-14. Servants of the Light Prayer Ministry is committed to this call and equipped to help others fulfill this call quoted from the Catechism. One of the tools the ministry uses is an approach called Theophostic. The word Theophostic comes from the founder Dr. Ed Smith, who developed this approach in 1996, and since has helped people around the world. In Greek, Theo means God, and Phos means light, therefore Theophostic means God’s light. “It is a powerful ministry approach designed to help people to identify and embrace the root sources of their emotional pain and therein encounter the presence of Christ and His perfect peace”, said Dr. Ed Smith. Theophostic Ministry’s basic premise is that current emotional pain comes from past beliefs, causing unwanted present behavior. A trained facilitator meets with a parishioner to pray through this hurt to achieve permanent effortless freedom through the truth that the Lord Jesus Christ provides. The result is peace and calm where there once was pain.

## **Who needs this ministry?**

Everyone can benefit from this ministry. While people who experience present pain or suffering find help, anyone who wants to deepen a life of faith in Christ can also address old hurts and flawed beliefs.

## **How fast does this prayer work?**

Though powerful results can be achieved in one meeting, most parishioners need more than one ministry time. The first meeting may be used to educate a parishioner about the process, then subsequent ministry times can be used for prayer. A parishioner is always the one to determine if and when prayer should continue. When Jesus enters with His truth, the results are immediate and permanent. The parishioner will notice effortless life changes. This prayer is truly transforming.

## **Is this approved by the Catholic Church?**

A local group of Catholics have been trained in this approach by Living Waters Prayer Group of the Arch Diocese of Detroit. This team has trained priests, deacons, and many lay ministers in the Americas. The approach is described in a booklet entitled The Catholic’s Guide to Theophostic Prayer Ministry, by Father David Tickerhoof, TOR, (New

Creation Publishing, Campbellsville, KY). Deacon Darrell Wentworth, Bishop’s Liaison for Charismatic Renewal in the Diocese of Richmond, is the supervisor of Servants of the Light Prayer Ministry. Father Joseph Facura, former pastor of St. Matthew’s Catholic Church, had approved this ministry. Father James Connolly was part of the first group of facilitators of Servants of the Light which began in June, 2003.

## **What does this mean to the Catholic Church?**

As a Church, we are called to proclaim God’s goodness and mercy. Our challenge often includes reaching out to people in pain, to offer them contact with the Lord to allow release of a fuller life in Christ. Parishioners will find themselves set free from fear, loneliness, powerlessness, hopelessness, bitterness, or any other emotion that would keep them from being all that God would want them to be. Parishioners find instead a new peace and calm in situations and memories previously filled with pain. Decisions parishioners make proceed then from peace, not pain. As more people in our family of faith find this release, we are freed as persons and as a parish to achieve a new fullness of God’s work.

### **What happens next?**

If you would like to receive ministry,  
Please call and meet with the  
facilitator of your choice, found on the  
back of this brochure, in your church  
environment. There is no charge.

If you would like more information about the  
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**If the Son sets you free,  
you will be free indeed.**

**John 8:36**