

Sample Letter from Priest/Deacon for the early loss of a child

Dear Friends,

The loss of a child is a pain beyond measure, a sorrow unlike any other. However, we don't have to bear this burden alone. We have Jesus, the "man of sorrows" who lived and died in order that our "sorrow may be turned into joy," (John 16:20). We also have our Blessed Mother Mary who knows firsthand the agony of losing a child. Together, they bring us the Father's love that we need at this trying time.

God cares about your loss, and so do I. That's why I want you to have the information in this folder. It includes prayers, suggested readings and answers to common questions. Review these materials when you feel ready and call me if I can be of help to you in the future.

In sympathy,

Father/Deacon _____

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