

# Mothers Organized for Ministry to the Suffering

## **How can teachers help?**

Know that in the year 2000, Holy Family School organized a new ministry, a ministry to the suffering. It was our hope to provide support, compassion, comfort, and prayers in the form of service to any school family in crisis. A family's need may be related to illness, death of a family member, hospitalization, loss of employment, or other difficult or unexpected hardships.

Thanks to all of you, M.O.M.S. Ministry has truly grown over the last six years and so has the extent of service to our families. The role that the classroom teacher plays is crucial to the ministry. You are the eyes and ears in the classroom; the link that provides M.O.M.S. with the knowledge of need.

Each classroom will have on RAO who is designated as the Ministry Mom. If for example, you learn through prayer time that a child's mother/father/sibling is sick, having surgery, is hospitalized etc., you can pass that information along to your Ministry Mom. They in turn will notify us and we will make the initial contact with that family. If however, a situation concerning a family is more sensitive in nature (i.e. divorce, job loss, etc.) know that you can call us directly and everything will be handled confidentially. Respect for our family's privacy is our number one priority.

M.O.M.S. is more than just meals. Often we are the first call for help when circumstances suddenly change at home. Some of these situations leave a family in financial emergency. Although we are not a fundraising entity, we do have some resources on hand thanks to donations (cash and gift certificates) M.O.M.S. Ministry works closely with the St. Vincent De Paul Society if further financial support is necessary.

In closing, I hope that we have clarified the purpose of our ministry to the suffering and how important your role is. We thank you on behalf of ourselves, and M.O.M.S. Ministry, and all the families we will serve. God Bless,

Sincerely,  
Missy Wells and  
Cathy Reeves

P.S. Any questions or comments please feel free to call Missy Wells (h) 330 688 7318 (c) 330 714 3763 or Cathy Reeves (h) 330 688 2056 (c) 330 606 2358.

P.S.S. In the event of a grandparent's death, sympathy cards can be found in the office (with stamps). Please have the children sign the card and send it to the family.

P.S.S.S. Field trip money, graduation fees, graduation clothes, band fees, sports fees, misc. classroom fees etc. are all doable through M.O.M.S.