



Forming a Domestic Violence Ministry Ministry Starter Kit

Our goal is to mentor domestic violence ministries to be vibrant parish ministries. We want to not just give lots of information, but personal interaction from the Parish Support Mentors to help guide ministries through the formation process.

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1. **Letter** from Fr. Chuck Dahm, O.P., Director, Archdiocese of Chicago Domestic Violence Outreach
2. **Videos** of Fr. Chuck's homilies on Domestic Violence and The Catholic Response to Domestic Violence are available on the Archdiocese of Chicago website <http://www.DomesticViolenceOutreach.org>.
3. **Steps to Forming a Domestic Violence Ministry**
4. **Domestic Violence Ministry Models**
5. **Mission Statement Sample** – See the Archdiocese of Chicago Domestic Violence Outreach home page noted above.
6. **Domestic Violence Background Reading**
7. **When I Call for Help, A Pastoral Response to Violence Against Women**, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/marriage/domestic-violence/when-i-call-for-help.cfm>
8. **Resources for Priests, Deacons and Pastoral Staff – USCCB**, <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/marriage/domestic-violence/index.cfm>
9. **Contact List** - ACDVO Steering Committee with contact for Parish Support Mentors
10. **Announcements** of upcoming speakers, retreats and/or events in the Archdiocese, if available.