



Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
West Des Moines, IA

Confidential Stephen Minister Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Preferred Phone: _____

Email address: _____

1. Describe why you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister:

2. What spiritual gifts or strengths do you believe God has given you that would help you serve effectively as a Stephen Minister?

3. Based on your current understanding of what it means to be a Stephen Minister, what do you think would be difficult or challenging aspects of this role for you?

4. How would people who know you describe the way you relate to others?

5. Are you willing to commit to serve faithfully for a period of no less than two years? This includes the initial 50 hours of training (Mondays from 7 - 9:30 pm from January - June, 2017; regular visits to your care receiver (weekly or a mutually agreed-upon frequency), and twice-monthly Small Group Peer "Super- Vision?" Yes___, No ___

6. Briefly describe your relationship with Jesus Christ.

7. Please provide two character references from Saint Francis of Assisi.
 - a. Name: _____
Phone: _____ Relationship: _____

 - b. Name: _____
Phone: _____ Relationship: _____

8. Have you ever trained and served as a Stephen Minister or Leader at another parish? If yes, where and when? Please list contact information.

9. Have you ever received treatment for any emotional or psychiatric problem?
- Yes _____ No _____
 - If yes, one of the priest will speak with you about this so that a better understanding of its significance in your life and ministry can be determined.
 - Note:** *Many caregivers have been made stronger in their caregiving ministry through the care they themselves have received, including care from mental health professionals. Your Stephen Leader Teams affirms the work of mental health professionals, who have helped many individuals to experience growth and healing. Members of the Stephen Leader Team request this information because they want to be as fully informed as possible about their Stephen Ministers.*

10. Have you ever been charged with a crime? If yes, please explain in detail. Use additional paper as needed. Someone from the Stephen Leader Team will speak with you about this so that the team may better understand its significance in your life and ministry.

Brief interviews with one or two Stephen Leaders will be held at Saint Francis in early to mid-November. Please indicate a couple of interview time preferences. (i.e. Tuesday nights, Thursday mornings, or Thursday late afternoons, etc.) No interviews will be scheduled on Wednesdays due to RE prep and classes. We will aim to meet your preference. A Stephen Leader will email or phone you to confirm your interview time.

Please read and sign below:

The information I have provided in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I agree to participate in Stephen Ministry Training and in small group peer SuperVision and to function within the boundaries of Stephen Ministry as adopted by St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church. I give permission for the St. Francis Stephen Ministry Team, if necessary, to call my references, secure a background check, and consult with any physicians or mental health professionals regarding the nature of treatment I have received for emotional or psychiatric problems.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please send completed application to:

Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

Attn: Stephen Ministry

7075 Ashworth Road

West Des Moines, Iowa 50266