

Weekend initial application

Today's date _____ Weekend choice _____

Name _____ Male _____ Female _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

E-mail _____

Age group: 20-29 30-39 40-49 50-59 60+

Home phone _____ Work phone _____

Separated Divorced Widowed

Religious affiliation _____ Name of church _____

How did you hear about the Beginning Experience weekend? _____

Children (Names/ages) _____

Do you believe you have worked your way (at least partly) through the initial, very hurting stages that usually follow a separation, divorce or death?

Yes No Please explain: _____

Briefly describe your interest in making a Beginning Experience weekend: _____

Therapist name (if any) _____

Therapist phone number _____

I give my consent for Beginning Experience of Sacramento to contact my therapist/physician to ensure my readiness to attend a weekend.

Signature _____

Sacramento 0708

Beginning Experience in Sacramento

The Beginning Experience weekend is held in the serene atmosphere found at Our Lady of the Oaks in Applegate. It begins on Friday at 7 p.m. and continues through Sunday to approximately 4 p.m.

The cost of the weekend

To reserve your spot on the weekend, we ask you to complete the form to the left and mail us a nonrefundable \$90 deposit. The total cost is \$210 which covers the program, food, a shared room, materials and a follow up reunion event. Private rooms may be available for a total cost of \$260. You may pay the balance of the fee when you arrive at the weekend.

If your payment and application are received at least two weeks prior to the weekend you plan on attending, you receive a \$10 discount. Make your check payable to Beginning Experience of Sacramento. Payment plans are available on request.

The application process

Once we receive your initial form, you will be mailed a more detailed application. By completing this form, we will be more able to determine your readiness for the weekend.

Weekend dates

March 19 - 21, 2010

Sept. 17 - 19, 2010

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE WEEKEND OR WEEKLY ADULT OR BEGINNING EXPERIENCE PROGRAMS:

Call: 916-835-2282

Write: P.O. Box 161761, Sacramento, CA 95816

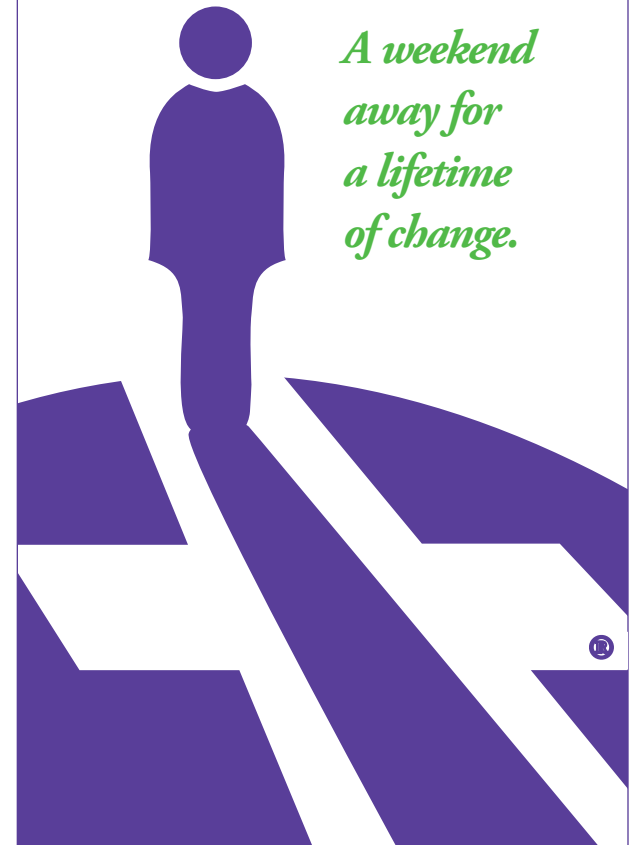
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**Help for the heartache
of finding yourself
alone again.**

Beginning Experience[®]

*A weekend
away for
a lifetime
of change.*



The pain of loss

The loss of a loved one through separation, divorce, or death is one of life's most traumatic experiences.

It can result in nearly unbearable feelings of loneliness and grief.

Many people who have suffered this loss feel left out by their church, uneasy around married friends, unsure of themselves and uncertain about their futures.

Hope for a new beginning

The *Beginning Experience* weekend program helps grieving single-again persons emerge from the darkness of grief into the light of a new beginning, and move into the future with renewed hope. The program helps deal with the natural grief process and offers an opportunity, through God, for turning the pain of loss into an experience of positive growth.

Founded by a Catholic nun and rooted in the Christian tradition, the ministry's open, ecumenical spirit serves those of all faiths.

Experience of community

From Friday evening through Sunday afternoon, the *Beginning Experience* program is presented by a team of people who have suffered the loss of a loved one and are willing to share their own experience to help others.

Team members lead participants through a program of presentations, personal private reflection, and small group sharing. A sense of community develops in an atmosphere of care and concern that is a hallmark of each *Beginning Experience* weekend.

Who should attend

The *Beginning Experience* weekend is designed to be a time of closure on the past and renewed hope for the future. Those who come should be beyond the initial feelings of anger and despair which usually follow the loss of a loved one. They should be at the point of wanting a new beginning and ready to work to make that desire a reality.

Once the application for the weekend is received, someone is available to help each person determine his or her readiness for the program.

What participants say

"I was nervous about going to the Beginning Experience, but I'm glad I did. I feel more alive than I have in years."

"...my first step out of grief and self pity. I took a fresh look at the choices I have now to make my life a good one."

"I found people all around who accepted me without judgment and cared for me."

"It was a time just for me, to explore where I've been in my life and where I'm going."

"I have so much more energy now for my children and my job."

"...worth every dollar and many more. It was the best gift I ever gave myself."

The results

Those who've attended the weekend program report:

- Increased emotional health and self respect
- New skills to deal with the pain of loss
- Healthier family relationships
- Renewed energy to be more effective parents, return to their church, and improve the standard of living for themselves and their families.

The invitation

Whether you choose to attend the *Beginning Experience* weekend only, or in addition to other support for the single again, the program's invitational process offers the opportunity to move towards a new beginning in life. Its quality and effectiveness are well documented.

- Developed by respected professionals in grief psychology, ministry, education and organizational process, the program is both psychologically and spiritually sound.
- The ministry has been honored by the North American Conference of Separated and Divorced Catholics and the National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers, participated in the International Conference for the World Federation for Mental Health in Ireland, and addressed the Australian government's Year of the Family Congress.
- To ensure the integrity of the copyrighted program, the Beginning Experience International Ministry Center periodically certifies 120 peer ministry teams worldwide to present the program.

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