

Obelisk Dedication Fund

For the past 30 years, LOSS has produced a newsletter for a mailing list that continues to increase, along with the cost of production. To ensure continued publication, we have established an Obelisk Fund, which enables LOSS members to assist with the expenses of this newsletter. There are three ways in which to contribute to our fund:

Dedication of one month's obelisk

To dedicate a specific month to your loved one, a family may contribute \$2,350, which will cover the total cost of that month's newsletter. Please send this form back with your donation and the name of your loved one, as well as the month you are requesting. Please add a second month choice as we sometimes have more than one member requesting the same month.

I wish to contribute \$ _____ in memory of: _____

For the month of: _____ or _____

Postage

To make a donation to cover one month's postage, we ask that you send a minimum contribution of \$300. There will be a special section for those who contribute to our postage fund and your loved one's name also will be on the MENTION MY NAME page.

I wish to contribute \$ _____ to cover one month's postage in memory of: _____

Publishing Fund

To be listed as a donor for our publishing fund, a member may contribute any amount to the Obelisk Publishing Fund and have your name listed as a donor. Your loved one's name will appear on the MENTION MY NAME page as well.

I would like to contribute \$ _____ to the Obelisk Publishing Fund in memory of: _____

Your Name: _____

Name of your loved one: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Date of Death: _____

Please check here if you wish your donation to remain anonymous.

NOTE: Please fill out the "Mention My Name" page.

Make checks payable to: *Catholic Charities LOSS Program.*

All donations to the LOSS Program are tax deductible.

Mail all donations to the LOSS Program at 721 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, IL 60654.

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

Thank you for your support of the Obelisk.

Mention My Name

LOSS provides a space each month in the OBELISK for the names of people we have lost to suicide. Survivors need to be able to hear, see and speak the names of the persons we have lost. The response to this opportunity has been an indication that our LOSS members truly appreciate seeing their loved ones' names in print.

If you wish to send in a name of a loved one, please fill out the attached form. To be sure that your request is included in the month you wish, we ask that you send it in at least 2 months before publication: e.g., to be included in the October Obelisk, we need to receive it by August 1. If we receive it late, we will automatically include it in the next edition, unless otherwise indicated. We always do our best to accommodate your request. A donation of any size is appreciated to defray the cost of printing and postage, but is not required for inclusion. No request will be denied for financial reasons.

Name of Loved One: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Date of Death: _____

Month Requested: _____

Requested by: _____ Relationship: _____

Please fill in your message in the space below. We ask that you limit your message to 20 words or less. Longer messages may be edited as space is limited.

Please mail to: LOSS Program, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago
721 North LaSalle, Chicago, IL 60654

Prayer for Survivors

By Therese Gump

LORD, I need your help to survive,
A part of me's gone, but I'm still alive.
Let me not be obsessed with "if onlys" and "whys"
Only you know the reason that somebody dies.
I must take time to weep, and smile when I can,
and not be concerned with the judgments of man.
Can I learn how to numb the everyday pain,

So that hollow inside me will not remain?
May I substitute goals for my feelings of guilt,
and not be ashamed of the life I have built.
Make me believe that the sadness will pass,
That joy will return to my being at last.
Finally, show me the way to reach others like
me.
Then I'll know my survival was destined to be.