

# Archdiocese of Portland Prayer Shawl Ministry RETREAT

## CASTING ON PRAYERS

Hosted by: Our Lady of the Lake, Lake Oswego  
“Threads of Comfort” Prayer Shawl Ministry

Where: 650 A Avenue  
Lake Oswego, OR. 97034

When: Saturday, July 16, 2022 10:00am – 2pm  
Check in starts 9:30am. Lunch buffet will be provided.



**WHAT ARE PRAYER SHAWLS?** – Knitted or crocheted shawls or lap blankets that invite healing, calm, and comfort. Prayer shawls help fill the void when words are not enough. Whether given to one who is grieving, facing physical hardships, or under stress from worry, divorce, or a caretaker role, or one who is celebrating a marriage or new baby, a prayer shawl is a welcome creation of love.

**WHAT IS A PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY?** – Simply put, it’s a gathering of spiritual and prayerful knitters/crocheters, using their talents and gifts to create enduring instruments of prayer.

**ACTIVE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY?** - If your church has a Prayer Shawl Ministry, we encourage you to share your mission statement and/or guidelines, so we all may learn and grow. Also, please share examples of shawls, or patterns if you have them, for inspiration.

**Can’t make the day retreat? Too far to travel?** Please tell us about your ministry through email and photos. We are organizing a list of Prayer Shawl Ministries and contacts to share throughout our Archdiocese. Perhaps next year your group may want to host.

**DON’T HAVE A PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY?** Know you have skilled parishioners in your community! Many knitters/crocheters are looking for ways to share their talents and contribute to their church’s compassionate outreach. If you’d like to start a group in your parish, please contact us. We can provide information and experience in starting a Prayer Shawl Ministry.

### RSVP and REGISTER by JULY 11, 2022

Please include: number attending (if a group)  
name of contact person for group



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