



**ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESE of ORANGE**

PASTORAL CENTER: OFFICE FOR FAMILY LIFE
13280 CHAPMAN AVENUE, GARDEN GROVE, CA 92840

Hope and Healing After Abortion Companion Ministry Agreement
(script for use in cases of telephone or virtual companion meetings)

Are you in a private place where we can talk confidentially? (If yes, proceed; if no, wait or reschedule to a time/place where a private conversation can take place.)

You are initiating a Companion Ministry relationship with (Name of companion minister), a minister serving under the direction of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange Office for Family Life.

Before we begin, I need you to understand the following points about what we are doing. Please respond by stating “Yes” to indicate that you understand and agree.

- Do you understand and agree that the Companion Minister does not hold a license to practice clinical psychology or therapy in the State of California and will not do so? This is not therapy. Do you understand?
- Do you understand and agree that this Companion Ministry will not continue with persons who are in an active addictive process?
- You have a right to confidentiality except in the event that you make a threat to do harm to your own well-being, to another person, or in the event that you disclose the current abuse of a child, elder, or dependent person. Do you understand and agree?
- The Companion Minister may seek direction from the Office for Family Life to make appropriate referrals to professional services if he/she deems this to be necessary. Do you understand and agree? The Office is bound by the same obligation of confidentiality as the companion minister with regard to the content of the referral.
- How often and where meetings will take place will be the result of a conversation between you and the Companion Minister. Do you understand and agree?
- There will be no fees exchanged for this service, no gifts exchanged between myself and my assigned minister, nor will they be offered. Do you understand and agree?
- Do you understand and agree that you have the right to close this relationship at any time?

The above terms regarding our companion ministry can be found online on the Diocese of Orange website at: <https://www.rcbo.org/resource/hope-and-healing-after-abortion/>

Name of Client

Date

Signature of Companion Minister

Date