

# WE THIRST:

## LESSONS IN MERCY

### A Course on Addiction Awareness within Our Society

**These evenings of reflection are designed for all members of our community including the afflicted and their families and friends, counselors, nurses, ministers, deacons, those in the criminal justice system, educators, and anyone who would like to learn more to become part of a solution.** We will explore the epidemic of addiction in our society and our responsibility as followers of Christ in responding to those who are suffering — the outcasts, the sick, the oppressed.

**The presentations are designed to educate, inspire, foster hope and healing and reduce the stigma surrounding this affliction.** Attendees will learn the basic biology, psychology, sociology, and spirituality of addiction within the context of our faith and our call as Christians to “be merciful, as our heavenly Father is merciful.” Presentations will include prayer, lectures, music, and videos designed to be spiritually moving and inspiring as well as educational.

During his papacy, Saint John Paul II spoke of the crisis of addiction and the need for the Church to help, to spread hope, and to work against discrimination. It has been over fifteen years since the resulting document: *Church: Drugs & Drug Addiction* was published, and we are still not doing enough as a faith community. This Year of Mercy is a divine signal for us to begin now or perhaps begin again to be healing hands, voices of hope, and pillars of fortitude.

### *Our Mother of Consolation Church*

#### *Parish Hall*

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**TUESDAY  
EVENINGS:**

**October 18**

**October 25**

**November 8**

**November 15**

**7:00 PM  
to  
9:00PM**

