



September 2021

Dear Father and parish staff,

September is National Recovery Month. The 2021 National Recovery Month Theme, is,

**“Recovery is For Everyone: Every Person, Every Family, Every Community,”**

This theme reminds people in recovery and those who support them that no one is alone in their journey through recovery. Everyone's journey is different, and we are all in this together.

This journey of recovery is a time where the church meets human beings who are suffering from a spiritual disease. Addiction/attachment is a spiritual disease. The attachment takes the place of God. As they try and find the unconditional love of God has for them in all the wrong places, they need the church to walk with them giving them hope.

*“let them celebrate, with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and come to life again: he was lost, and has been found.” (Luke 15:23-24)*

The Archdiocese of Boston, (Cardinal’s addiction task force, Archdiocesan Addiction Recovery Pastoral Support Services. AARPSS, Office of Chaplaincy Programs) has joined with the Missionary Servants of the Most Holy Trinity and brought the “I THIRST”, The Healing Initiative – Recovery, Spirituality, Twelve Steps to the Archdiocese. Currently there are 20 plus I Thirst Spiritual Companions in the Archdiocese journeying with those in recovery from attachments.

SO, what can my parish do for Recovery Month?

1. Pray for the success of the I Thirst program and those we are ministering to
2. Say a recovery mass
3. Visit the AA or NA meetings you may have in your parish, what are their spiritual needs?
4. Find out more about I Thirst by contacting me at [JGreer@rcab.org](mailto:JGreer@rcab.org), 617-645-7915
5. Visit the AARPSS web site <https://aarps.org/> to see all the resources available to you and your staff

Thank you for all the hard work you and your staff and parish has done for those in need.

Blessings

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