



We want to help each other weather the storm brought by disruptive disasters, including pandemics.

TOOLS FOR RESILIENCE

IOCC has created a new suite of tools called Care Compass.

These tools map ways individuals and communities can forge a path toward physical, mental, and spiritual wellness.

Designed in consultation with Orthodox clergy, counselors, and clinicians, these tools are simple to use, adaptable, and can be locally implemented.

No matter where you may find yourself, together, we can help each other navigate toward resilience.

MODULE 1

Healthy Grieving

Finding Hope

1. Identify and acknowledge the primary and secondary loss(es) you may be feeling. You can't grieve what you haven't acknowledged.
2. Facilitate and practice helpful mourning traditions, rituals, and processes.
3. Remember that grief and mourning exist on a continuum.
4. Grief is a process, not an event: It takes time, occurs in phases, and is expressed in different emotions.
5. Explore and develop healthy support systems.
6. Face the realities of the loss and adjust to a changed world.

MODULE 2

Self-Care

Overcoming Stress

If you're feeling overwhelmed or anxious, diaphragmatic breathing keeps stress hormones low by accessing the vagus nerve.

This technique can help focus in the here and now and not in the what-ifs of future stress.

It can be used throughout the day, but can be especially helpful in the morning when coupled with prayer routine and allow you to start the day feeling balanced, connected and grounded with a whole heart:

- Step one → take a deep breath in
- Step two → hold
- Step three → exhale
- Repeat 10 times

MODULE 3

Family Dynamics

Pulling Together

1. Make a personal inventory of the positive reality which your family's impact has had on the life of your parish.
2. Encourage one another to acknowledge individually how they contribute to making your home a better place and how they can do so in the future.
3. Encourage each family member to participate in the healthy hobbies, interests, or stress relievers which give them joy and release.
4. Seek out fun or even new experiences, together as a family, regularly.
5. Encourage and learn to share expectations with one another openly and without attack about the things each family member can do to insure that the home is safe and in good order.

MODULE 4

Building Resilient Communities

Laying Foundations

1. Have a plan in place – identify resources you, your family, and your community can bring to bear before crises. That way you are prepared to provide services and care in the wake of a disaster
2. Create multiple avenues to allow all people to access assistance or service opportunities
3. Focus on courage and hope in spite of fear. While it is okay to feel afraid, demonstrating courage inspires hope and engagement
4. Engage all year round! You don't have to wait until a disaster strikes to get involved. Stay active through volunteering monthly, packing hygiene and cleanup kits, or making your own monthly IOCC Care Calls



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