

Compassionate Care Ministry

Pastoral Care of the Elderly, Sick, Hospitalized or Homebound

Compassionate Care Ministry offers healing love to all, especially the sick, elderly, isolated and lonely members of a parish. It involves outreach, which can occur in a variety of ways, to remind those served that they matter and that their parish family cares for them.

When: Three one-hour seminars: Thursday, January 14, 21 & 28.
From 2 -3 P.M. each day.

Who: Priests, deacons, lay staff, parish nurses and/or volunteers at the Parish who may engage in or lead Compassionate Care Ministry.

What: A chance to discern and learn about 'Compassionate Care Ministry' and what it might look like at your parish.

These are not training sessions, but they will provide an overview of multiple ways in which a parish might engage in some form of compassionate care ministry for the vulnerable in a parish.

Attendees will learn about both the pros and cons of engagement in this type of ministry, as well as the various possibilities you might employ to begin. In addition, they will understand what is necessary to provide for a ministry that is both safe and efficient.

An overview of how to gather a team of parishioners to engage in Compassionate Care Ministry and find a good leader for the team will be presented, as well as the necessary requirements for proper training and screening.

Practical components involved in training a team will also be discussed. For example: Engaging in conversation, respecting boundaries, engaging in prayer, proper form for Eucharist distribution outside of the Mass setting, to name a few.

"If a disciple stays still and doesn't go out and does not give back to others what he has received in Baptism, he is not a true disciple of Jesus. He lacks the missionary [spirit]; he can't get out of himself [to be able] to bring something good to others" (Pope Francis)

