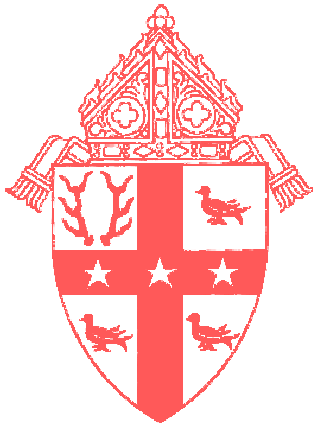


Parish Nursing

A Whole Person Health and Healing Ministry

*“... and He sent them
to preach the kingdom
of God, and to heal
the sick.”*

Luke 9:2



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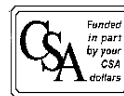
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A Reaffirmation of our Belief In the Gospel of Life



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What is a Parish Nurse?

Promotes the gospel of life through ministries of health and healing within the parish and its community.

Qualifications of a Parish Nurse

- Registered Nurse with current license to practice.
- Three to five year's previous experience as a Registered Nurse.
- Member of a faith community.
- Committed to ongoing personal spiritual development.
- Ability to use nursing process and communication skills to promote whole person wellness.
- Completion of **Parish Nurse Preparation Course** developed by International Parish Nurse Resource Center.

Roles Of A Parish Nurse

Pastoral Staff Member

Serves as a collaborative member working to address body, mind and spirit concerns using available parish resources, and through utilization of parish volunteers.

Spiritual Caregiver

Assists individuals and families in integrating faith and health in their everyday lives.

Health Counselor

Listens to, supports and gives direction to parishioners during times of need. May participate in home, hospital, nursing home visitation; implements support groups and other focused ministries, i.e. Bereavement Ministry.

Health Educator

Promotes healthy lifestyle choices and prevention of illness through a variety of screenings, seminars and classes.

Health Resource / Advocate

Advocates for and assists individuals and families in accessing health care information and resources often by making referrals to local community agencies.

Quotes From Pastors On Parish Nursing

“The concept of holistic approach to health promotion and prevention of illness is in harmony with the mission of the faith community.”

Most Rev. Thomas Gumleton
Pastor, St. Leo's Detroit

“The Parish Nurse promotes education to create a healthy environment. What a blessing a Parish Nurse is!!”

Rev. Norman Thomas
Pastor, Sacred Heart Church, Detroit

“I consider the ministry of parish nursing not only a connection to the healthcare system, but a bridge to the fuller care of the sick that the Church calls for from all the baptized. By bringing the Church's love and consolation of faith, parish nurses, along with parish priests and other pastoral personnel, comfort believers and raise the minds of others to God.”

Rev. James Commyn
Pastor, St Augustine Church, Richmond

“The parish nurse is there to help the whole person-not just a part of a person. The parish nurse role balances knowledge and skill; the science, theology and humanities; service and worship; care and pastoral functions.”

Rev. Gary Schulte
Pastor, St. Sylvester, Warren