



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND

MINISTRY DESCRIPTION/OVERVIEW:

The Eucharistic Ministry to the Homebound serves those who cannot get to Mass because they are sick or elderly. This ministry is for those called by compassion to be the presence of Christ for those most in need. Ministers bring the Body of Christ with them in the form of Communion, and they also keep our homebound connected to their faith community.

ACTIVITIES OF MINISTRY:

- Bring the Eucharist to one of our homebound parishioners on a regular basis
- Deliver communion to the home of a parishioner who is recuperating from a sickness or surgery on a short term basis
- Use the ritual guide: Celebrating Communion With the Sick
- Flexible Schedule (Weekly or monthly) based on ministers/recipients desires or availability
- This ministry can be shared with another person especially for weekly visits.

EXPECTATIONS OF MINISTRY

- Ideally the person bringing communion is a trained Eucharistic Minister for Our Lady of Mercy Church
- Be willing to make a regular commitment to your assigned person (weekly or monthly) as the person desires
- Be trained in the proper use of the communion to the sick ritual
- Read a guide entitled "Ministry to the Sick"

Witness Statement 1:

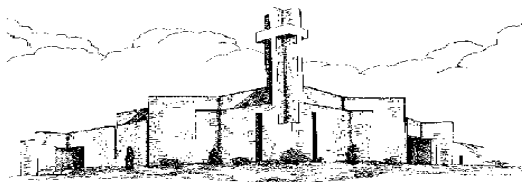
Eucharistic ministry to the home bound is my opportunity, in a one-on-one setting, to share something precious to me with a fellow parishioner. Talking with that person also helps keep my faith grounded.

Dave H

Witness Statement 2:

I really miss going to church. I miss the community. I really enjoy when someone from the parish comes to visit. They bring me communion and a bulletin. We talk about what is happening at the parish. Then I don't feel so cut off.

Mary



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