

HOSPITAL VISITOR Ministry



MINISTRY DESCRIPTION/OVERVIEW:

The Hospital Visitors Ministry reaches out to our parishioners who are in the hospital or nursing home rehabilitation. When we are sick our world shrinks to the size of our bed or the room we are in. It is easy to feel cut off and alone. Hospital visitors help people to feel connected and offer prayers and comfort in the name of the church community.

ACTIVITIES OF MINISTRY:

- During your assigned week call the hospitals to check if we have anyone in
- Arrange your schedule to visit on Monday or Tuesday of that week
- Visit each parishioner on the list
- You may leave a prayer card if the person is not in the room
- Be in contact with the staff about the visits and relay any pertinent information

EXPECTATIONS OF MINISTRY

- Ministers are trained for hospital visitation
- It is appropriate to pray with someone if you are comfortable
- Visit at least one day during your assigned week. If your schedule allows for more time it is always acceptable
- Work in conjunction with the parish staff to ensure that all parishioners in the hospital are seen at least once by either the parish visitor or the parish staff

Witness Statement 1:

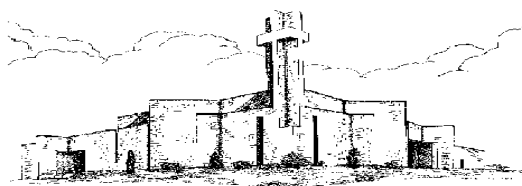
I get a lot of joy out of visiting parishioners in the hospital. I bring the presence of the community to the person and to the family. I know it is important. I love to see the people back in the church after being in the hospital. I meet people I may not have known otherwise. Somehow I feel closer to them; like a special bond because I prayed with them. I feel honored to represent my church.

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Witness Statement 2:

“ It has been a privilege being a hospital visitor, seeing parishioner’s courage and faith during their illness. It has been a gift to me and I am grateful for the opportunity I have to visit and pray with them.”

Marilyn Garwig



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