

St. Monica Parish Pastoral Home Care Volunteers

Through your daily efforts, you bear witness to the value of all human life, particularly that life which is most fragile and most dependent on others. Your service to the sick (and) the elderly... is part of the Church's proclamation of the beauty of all life, even when it is weak.... You have aligned yourselves with all those in society who are determined to take a prophetic stand on behalf of the innocent and most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters. I am particularly grateful to you because you have so faithfully listened to the command of Jesus to serve one another.

-Pope John Paul II, adapted.

The Eucharist, distributed to the sick in a dignified and prayerful way, is the vital sap that comforts them and instils in their souls the inner light with which to live the condition of sickness and suffering with faith and hope.

” -Pope Benedict XVI



Just as I have loved you, so you should love one another.

If you are interested in learning more about the St. Monica Parish Pastoral Home Care Volunteers, please contact the parish office at: 514-481-0267.

Mission

As members of a Christian community, Pastoral Home Care Volunteers strive to become a compassionate presence to the sick and elderly .



Purpose

The Pastoral Home Care Volunteer is a person who, under the guidance of the Parish Coordinator, offers pastoral support to those who are sick and/or elderly and confined to their place of residence. The volunteer seeks to journey with the shut-in by being a spiritual companion to him or her. As such, the volunteer is often asked to pray with the shut-in, to offer Holy Communion, and to help nourish a relationship with God. In this ministry, the Pastoral Home Care Volunteer represents the parish community of St. Monica and serves to maintain a link between the person being visited and the parish community.

Responsibilities



- ◆ Visit the sick, the elderly and shut-ins on a regular basis according to a mutually agreeable schedule.
- ◆ Participate in regular meetings with the Parish Coordinator and other volunteers.
- ◆ Upon request, bring Holy Communion to the person being visited.

Requirements

- Good communication and listening skills.
- ◆ Empathic support.
- ◆ Non-judgmental approach.
- ◆ Ability to know when extra help is needed in difficult situations and to seek that help.
- ◆ Maintain the trust of the shut-in visited by respecting confidentiality and privacy.
- ◆ Basic knowledge of the Gospel message of Jesus Christ.

