



Are You Called to the Ministry of Care?

God calls each of us to share His love in different ways. For some, that call is lived out in the Ministry of Care — bringing the Eucharist, prayer, and companionship to those who are homebound, in hospitals, or in senior communities. But how does someone know if they are called to this ministry?

Often, the call begins as a quiet tug at the heart — a desire to serve the sick, the lonely, or the elderly. If you feel compassion for those who cannot be with us at Mass and are drawn to bring them comfort and connection, that may be the Holy Spirit nudging you.

For others, the call is more direct. During COVID, several St. Patrick parishioners felt moved to join after witnessing the challenges of bringing Communion to shut-in senior communities. Some were inspired by being visited themselves while sick or hospitalized. Others, after losing a loved one, wanted to offer the same comfort that a Minister of Care had once brought to their family.

Ministers of Care don't need special skills — only a listening ear, a kind heart, reverence for the Eucharist, and respect for the dignity of every person.

If you find joy in prayer and peace in serving others, please prayerfully consider this beautiful ministry. To learn more — or to request a visit — contact the parish office.