



## **The Heart of a Minister of Care**

Serving as a Catholic Minister of Care is a calling rooted in love, compassion, and faith. At the heart of this ministry is the desire to bring Christ's presence to those who are homebound, hospitalized, or living in care facilities. The qualities that make a good Minister of Care are simple, but deeply meaningful, and reflect the Gospel's call to love one another.

A Minister of Care is first a good listener – someone who offers a patient, non-judgmental ear and creates a safe space where others feel valued and heard. They approach each person with an open mind and heart, regardless of their circumstances, and honor confidentiality, always protecting the privacy of those they visit. Gentleness, compassion, and patience are essential, as is a spirit of respect for the dignity of every person. Ministers also bring a prayerful presence, helping others feel the comfort of God's love even in moments of illness or loneliness.

Most important is a reverence for the Eucharist, since sharing Communion is at the very heart of this ministry. Above all, a good Minister of Care has a willing heart, open to being God's instrument of love and mercy. Through their presence, they remind others that the parish family cares, remembers, and prays with them.

If you feel called to this ministry, we would love for you to join us. Your presence can bring comfort, hope, and God's love to those who need it most. To learn more – or to request a visit from a Minister of Care – please get in touch with the parish office.