**Pastoral Care to Assisted Living: Ministers Duties**

* Bringing the Eucharistic Meal, from the faith community to people at assisted living locations and join them in prayer.
* Nurturing the spirit and keeping it healthy during this time together.
* Sharing with and relating how the faith community has them in their thoughts with discussion.
* Pastoral Care is the ministry of spiritual care. The main focus is on the nurturing of each person’s spirit.

The pastoral care assisted living minister will be assigned one Sunday each month to bring Holy Communion to the assisted living residents.

The minister will retrieve the consecrated hosts from the tabernacle before the 9 am Mass on the Sunday served. The time to pick-up the Eucharist is from 8:35 am to 8:50 am. Remember that other ministers may have the key and are already at the tabernacle. If there is not another minister waiting at the tabernacle, return the key to the railing in the glass dish. If you are late for 9:00 am Mass, wait until Mass is over and the priest has left the church.

The pyx is used to transport the Hosts to the Assisted Living Locations. The pyx should be in the burse and put around the neck to transport it to the assisted living location. Jesus is being brought from your heart to the people who you serve.

A weekly report should be sent to the Pastoral Care Assisted Living Coordinator. If you cannot serve on your assigned day, you need to keep the coordinator advised on a timely basis.

Pastoral Care Ministers should dress properly such that your appearance is not a distraction. It simply means that clothing is neat, clean and modest.

Before visiting people at assisted living locations, the minister should pray the following:

*“God of compassion, fill me with the power of your word and the love of your Holy Spirit as I visit your sons and daughters. Help me so that I may worthily and gracefully share your sacred presence with those who await your coming to them.”*