



“When I was sick, you visited me.”

Support for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Pastoral Care of the Sick & Persons who are Homebound

The Office of Parish Integration at ArchCare is pleased to announce a new initiative to offer additional training for lay persons in ministry to the sick, frail, elderly, and homebound members of the Archdiocese. The training is to promote greater awareness of the physical and spiritual health of those we minister to.

This program, designed to complement your current programs while not duplicating parish efforts, will include online resources and webinars culminating in regional in-person educational sessions. These gatherings will be led by ArchCare in cooperation with the Archdiocesan Office of Liturgy and feature speakers from other ADNY departments as well as outside organizations. Our hope is to eventually offer retreat days of formation and affirmation for persons involved in this ministry of the Church.

We share your commitment to offer spiritual encouragement to persons in need who may feel lonely and disconnected. Our goal is to help you and your parish teams bring hope where there is despair, comfort where there is worry, and individualized healthcare services where there are challenging medical needs.

Please reach out to the Parish Integration team of Michael Guglielmo, at 646-229-7413; mguglielmo@archcare.org or Sr. Mary Anne Dennehy, O. Carm. 646-872-7683; srmadennehy@archcare.org for more information.

A separate mailing will be sent to parish volunteers in the near future detailing specific ways to participate.