
Pastoral Care Coordinator Report

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CARE-Call Ministry

In mid-March, as soon as it was announced that Masses would be discontinued due to the pandemic, the Christ the King Pastoral Care team recognized the concern of possible isolation and disconnection for members of the parish family, and so **launched a new ministry, the Care Call Ministry.**

Those who responded to the call to serve in this ministry were primarily parishioners formerly involved in our Visiting and Lay-Led Liturgy programs in our care homes and extendicare. *The parish has greatly benefitted from the care and generosity of these ministers who are now making a difference in the lives of parishioners at this unusual time.*

The Care Call Ministry has positively impacted the parish in 4 vital ways. They are as follows:

EXPRESSING THE CARE AND CONCERN of the Pastor and parish community.

26 Care Call Ministers reach out on behalf of the pastor and parish community, assuring parishioners that they have not been forgotten. Callers invite their prayer petitions and offer to pray with them when requested. Additionally, their prayer petitions are gathered for the ADORE Prayer Ministry and prayed for by Father Steve in his daily private Mass.

As of June 20th, 2020, just over 960 families have been contacted and some of these have regular correspondence with Care Call Ministers.

Care Calls are distinguished particularly for their prayerful, faith-filled conversation with our parish family members, promoting a view of hope for the future and their belief at all times in God's Divine Providence.

PROMOTING CONNECTEDNESS to our parish family

Care Calls are meant to prompt parishioners to stay connected to the parish and Archdiocese by notifying them of our website, and how to access daily live-streaming of Mass and Adoration. In addition, they collect email addresses for easier notification of parish updates.

Even as our Masses begin again, care calls are used to call families who are not connected through any other parish ministry, to let them know how to register to come back to Mass.

EVANGELIZATION and proclaiming our faith in a time of crisis

Dedicated and faith-filled Care Callers welcome inactive parishioners back, asking them to reconsider their involvement in the parish, and letting them know that we continue to care about their welfare.

There are many meaningful conversations that have been helpful to both active and inactive parishioners. ***Evangelization is an important part of the Care Call Ministry and is ongoing.***

UPDATING Parish Friendly, our parish data base

Callers record important data and report back to the Pastoral Care Coordinator, who then collaborates with the office manager to update our parish registry. Information such as WRONG NUMBERS, OUT OF SERVICE numbers and noting parishioners who have moved away is important data. ***As calls continue, it is hoped that there will emerge a clearer picture of the actual numbers and demographic of parishioners who attend Christ the King Parish.***

Other Pastoral Care Developments and Highlights from 2019

- We successfully launched **DivorceCare**, a program to accompany those suffering the pain and trauma of separation or divorce. The program attracted 12 participants, who all completed 13 sessions that ran from Sept. 2019 – Jan. 2020.
- Our bereavement program ran for its 3rd consecutive year, but the first time in its present format. Our new 13-week **GriefShare** program provided help and encouragement to parishioners after the death of a loved one. The program was very helpful to all involved until it was interrupted because of Co-Vid – 19. We look forward to continuing these programs of healing in the future, God willing.
- **The ADORE Prayer Ministry, The Prayer Shawl and Care Card Ministry** have become more vital than ever, both to encourage ongoing participation of parishioners who wish to stay involved in ministry, and as an outreach to those who depend on the love and care of the parish at their most vulnerable moments. As all ministry that is ongoing during a crisis, these ministries have kept parishioners invigorated with the work of God.

A BLESSING FOR THE SICK AND ISOLATED

*MAY YOU BE HELD IN LOVE.
MAY TENDERNESS CARRY YOU.
MAY THE PAIN YOU KNOW TOO WELL
BE LIFTED FROM YOU.*

*MAY YOUR HEART'S HEAVINESS
BE LIGHTENED BY GRACE,
MAY HOPE ABOUND FOR YOU.*

*MAY THOSE WHO SERVE YOU CARE
FOR YOU.
MAY THEIR EXPERTISE HELP YOU,
THEIR COMPASSION SUSTAIN YOU.*

*MAY YOU KNOW YOU ARE NOT
ALONE
BUT ALWAYS LOVED BY GOD.*

*MAY YOU SEE MIRACLES
AND KNOW YOU ARE ONE.
MAY YOUR COURAGE GIVE US
COURAGE.*

*AND MAY YOU DWELL IN PEACE
IN THE MIDST, THE DEPTH,
THE BREADTH OF YOUR BEING.*



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