

OUR HISTORY

ORIGINS

Parish Partners Ministry of Hope has its origins in **Faith Community Nursing**, a certified program adapted by many parishes and churches throughout the country. This endeavor speaks to the importance of spiritual and psychological healing, as well as physical and emotional well-being, within a parish community. This particular ministry may express itself in many different ways, according to the needs and culture of the parish community, and with approval of the Pastor.

At *The Parish of St. Catherine of Siena and St. Agnes*, our ministry operates under the name **Parish Partners Ministry of Hope**, where both ministry volunteers and those requesting help together form partnerships.

ORGANIZATION

Parish Partners Ministry of Hope is directed by an *Executive Committee*, along with its *Board of Ministers*. These members set the policy and direction for the group with the approval of the Pastor.

Parish Partners Ministry of Hope is seeking hard-working people of faith and good will to assist our parishioners in providing services. There is a Training Program in place, and we welcome all who are interested – non-professionals as well as professionals.

Some Ministry Background. . .

Catherine LaPoutre, long-time beloved parishioner and talented artist, kindly agreed to create a special logo for the **Parish Partners Ministry of Hope** when we were forming this new ministry in 2014. We told Catherine what we hoped to achieve with this new ministry, and she designed this incredibly lovely and providential logo at first pass!



As we grew and evolved, we once again looked to our beautiful logo and realized its significance through the Work of the Holy Spirit in our ministry!

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The Heart

“For Christ’s Love Compels us.”
2 Corinthians 5:14-15

The Cross

“By His wounds, we are (all) healed.”
Isaiah 53:5

The Sun

“The sufferings of Christ are ours in abundance,
...so also our comfort is abundant through Christ.”
2 Corinthians 1:5

The Radiant Pathways

“He sent them in pairs ahead of him...” saying, “blessed are the eyes that see what you see.”
Luke 10: 1,23

We “Rejoice in the Lord always.”
Philippians 4:4

GOALS

- Promote health and wellness of body, mind and spirit
- Help individuals and families find continued connectedness, encouragement, hope and love within our Catholic faith community
- Strengthen the entire Parish by enabling all to focus on serving God by serving others

MISSION

- Our main mission is to bring Christ to others. We reach out to everyone, letting them know that they belong to their church family, and will have accompaniment both in times of sorrow and of joy.

THE FUTURE

- Develop Partnerships with all other ministries to cast a wider net to connect with those in need.
- Continue to develop programs for our ministers, parishioners and the community at large, to reveal Christ at work in our lives.