



# Results and Recommendations from the Pastoral Care of the Sick Implementation Committee

Pontiac Area Vicariate

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- Initial Charter of Committee
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## Core Values of the Implementation Committee

- Our team purpose is to use our knowledge of the vicariate and insights gained from the Pastoral Care of the Sick Study
- to advance the implementation of the Vicariate Pastoral Care of the Sick plan,
- so that the People of God will grow in understanding of and participation in pastoral care of the sick, both as recipients and as co-ministers,
- and will receive timely, compassionate pastoral care in times of illness.
- *Mary Martin, St. Joseph Parish; Kathy Hasty, St. Joseph Parish; Maria Jiminez, St. Damien Parish, Joyce Hyttinen, Archdiocese of Detroit, Fr. Stan Ulman, PAV Vicar, Dale Youngpeter, VPC or another VPC delegate*



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# Initial Charter for Committee

- Facilitation of more efficient delivery of pastoral care to the sick in the vicariate, particularly in hospitals
- Facilitation of more equitable sharing of pastoral care of the sick by vicariate parishes
- Assist in education and catechesis of the laity on all aspects of pastoral care of the sick
- Aid the development and ongoing formation of volunteer lay pastoral care ministers
- Improved networking and cooperation between hospital chaplains and pastoral care ministers in their care of the sick



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  - Met with representatives from most parishes- asked them for assessment of current services to hospitals (Committee)



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- *May and June*
  - Met with all four hospitals regarding their current needs (Joyce H. and Mary M.)



# Timeline of Activities

- *Summer*
  - Provided 2 articles regarding Pastoral Care of the Sick for Vicariate Newsletters (Kathy H.)



## Timeline of Activities

- *September and October*
  - Planned and executed First Annual Day of Reflection for Lay Pastoral Care Ministers (Maria J. and Kathy H.)



# Timeline of Activities

- *November*

- Provided 3 training sessions for lay pastoral care ministers for underserved hospitals (Kathy H. and Marie B. from POH)



# Timeline of Activities

- *December*
  - Met with Vicariate Administrator for communication plan (Mary M. and Judy G.)



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- *December*
  - Prepared recommendations for ongoing VPC Committee including job description for PAV Vicariate Coordinator of PCS (Committee)



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# Recommendations

- Consider creating and funding an ongoing paid position for a Vicariate Coordinator of Pastoral Care of the Sick
- \*\* position description included in report



# Recommendations

- Continue to provide advanced training to current lay pastoral care ministers



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- Continue to invite forth new lay ministers to the sick from vicariate parishes, especially those from under-represented gender and ethnic groups



# Recommendations

- Explore the possibility of a vicariate-wide comprehensive training program for new volunteer lay ministers to the sick, which could dovetail with ACTS



# Recommendations

- Continue to provide ongoing catechesis and formation for the laity on all forms of pastoral care of the sick.



# Recommendations

- Continue to build and nurture relationships between parish-based ministers and hospital personnel through ongoing opportunities for dialogue, interaction, mutual formation and partnership.



# Recommendations

- Encourage the progress of some type of emergency on-call system of priest coverage for the Pontiac hospitals



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- Encourage with the VPC a means of gathering metrics



# Recommendations

- Continuation of the advisory VPC Pastoral Care of the Sick Committee



# Recommendations

- Preparation of an annual or bi-annual status report on our progress with the Vicariate Pastoral Care of the Sick Plan



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- What did you find most successful in this process?
- What might some challenges be going forward?