

Befriender Ministry: Catholic Pastoral Care Team Ministry
@ University Hospital, Baptist Hospital East, Kosair Children's Hospital
Training Program Winter/ Spring 2009(Revised 10-27-09)

This is a unique Pastoral Care program. It is not a formal training process in the model of classical clinical pastoral education programs for hospital chaplains. It does not displace or substitute for certified CPE chaplains with well-meaning but lesser trained volunteers. This is a program that creates a lay pastoral care team for visitation to Catholic patients and their families. It works in close collaboration with the hospital's Department of Pastoral Care and as a partner with the Office of Pastoral Care for the Archdiocese of Louisville.

The Befriender Ministry team consists of several pairs of trained volunteers who donate their time and service to this ministry. After completion of the 50 hour training program, the team will be commissioned to serve for 3 years at one of the respective hospitals. The covenant signed by each team member acknowledges a commitment to team collaboration, continuing education/formation and participation in 'Making Meaning' groups. After the initial years of service, a team member may request to continue in the ministry with the approval of the Office of Pastoral Care for Archdiocese of Louisville and the respective hospital pastoral care office.

The sessions for the training program will be conducted at Maloney Center.

Jan 15 TH
6:30-8:00pm (R5)
Michelle Herberger
Fr. Paul Scaglione

Orientation
Prayer, Program Expectations, Covenant of Agreement

Welcome, introductions and conversations about Befriender ministry and team concept for pastoral care. Program expectations and evaluation process are reviewed; training manuals and resources are distributed. The Covenant of Agreement is presented.

Jan 20 TU
6:30-8:30pm (R5)
Fr. Paul Scaglione

Theology of Pastoral Care

From our Roman Catholic perspective what is the theological foundation for the ministry of pastoral care and how is this foundation supported by scripture and praxis.

Jan 22 TH
6:30-8:30pm (R5)
Fr. Paul Scaglione

Theology of Pastoral Care (con't)

A continued exploration of the theology of pastoral care with a emphasis on the concept of care, relationships, and restoration of the patient with the faith community.

Jan 27 TU
6:30-8:30pm (R5)
Fr. Paul Scaglione

BEFRIENDER MINISTRY (sessions 1)

Jan 29 TH
6:30-8:30pm (R5)
Fr. Paul Scaglione

BEFRIENDER MINISTRY (session 2)

Feb 03 TU
6:30-8:30pm (R5)
Michelle Herberger

BEFRIENDER MINISTRY (session 3)

Feb 05 TH
6:30-8:30pm (R5)
Michelle Herberger

BEFRIENDER MINISTRY (session 4)

Feb 10 TU
6:30-8:30pm (R5)
Fr. Paul Scaglione

BEFRIENDER MINISTRY (session 5)

Feb 12 TH
6:30-8:30pm (R5)
Fr. Paul Scaglione

BEFRIENDER MINISTRY (session 6)

Feb 17 TU
6:30-8:30pm (R5)
Fr. Paul Scaglione

BEFRIENDER MINISTRY (session 7)

Feb 19 TH
6:30-8:30pm (R5)
Michelle Herberger

BEFRIENDER MINISTRY (session 8)

Feb 24 TU
6:30-8:30pm (R5)
Michelle Herberger

BEFRIENDER MINISTRY (session 9)

Feb 26 TH
6:30-8:30pm (R5)
Michelle Herberger

BEFRIENDER MINISTRY (session 10)

Hospital visitation begins in early March

Mar 3 TU- Mar 5 TH

(SNOW DATES- PLEASE KEEP OPEN ON YOUR SCHEDULE).

Mar 10 TU
6:30-8:30pm (R5)
Fr. Paul Scaglione

Hospital Overview/ Team Connections /Hospital Visitation

Organization and schedule for hospital visitation, review of steps for prayer before the visits, recording visitations and notations to team, referrals to hospital chaplains, debriefing after visits, collecting and recording visit for Making Meaning group Meeting with leaderships from existing pastoral care teams and hospital chaplains; presentation regarding requirements for volunteers, e.g. orientation, vaccinations, privacy protocols, id, and HIPPA regulations and shadowing with existing team members.

Mar 12 TH
6:30-8:30pm (R5)
Fr. Paul Scaglione

Suffering and God

How do we grapple with the haunting questions that surround illness, sudden tragedy, chronic disease and death? How does a believer address these questions in their life? What do our questions reveal about our expectations of God? How you 'answer' these questions will influence and shape your actions as a minister of care.

Mar 17 TU
6:30-8:30pm (R5)
Michelle Herberger

Prayer – What, When and How

What issues does a patient present who is alienated from God? What response can you offer to someone in this situation? What response should you avoid?

Mar 19 TH
6:30-8:30pm (R5)
Fr. Paul Scaglione

Alienation from God/Church

In the context of hospital ministry to the sick, how, when and what we pray with patients and family members is an art, not a task. It must be sensitive to unique situations of the patient and family.

Mar 24 TU
6:30-8:30pm (R5)
Fr. Paul Scaglione

Ministry to the IARC – Reconnecting to the Church

What are the measures I can offer to assist an inactive Catholic patient or family member in reconnecting with the Church? What resources are available to them from the Archdiocesan offices or local parishes? What parishes can provide a ‘welcome home’ approach to these returning Catholics?

Mar 26 TU
6:30-8:30pm (R5)
Fr. Paul Scaglione

End of Life Issues/Living Wills/Organ Donation

What do I need to know about end of life issues? What are the moral and ethical teachings of the Church that I need to be familiar with as I minister to the sick? What is a ‘living’ will, advance medical directive, and health care proxy? What do I need to know about organ donation, if a patient or family asks for assistance?

Mar 31 TU
6:30-8:30pm (R5)
Michelle Herberger

Team Organization/Leadership **Schedule for team business meetings/ Making Meaning Groups**

This final session will concentrate on organizational issues for the Befriender ministry; affirming previous decisions about leadership, schedule, communication with hospital chaplains’ office and the Office of Pastoral Care, continuing education sessions and future Making Meaning Group gatherings.

April 2 TH
6:00 pm

Prayer-Reflection and Commissioning Service by Archdiocese of Louisville

This Catholic Pastoral Care Training Program includes 50 hours of instruction and formation, and onsite hospital visitation. The total cost for this program, including all materials and handbooks is \$175. (Includes a non-refundable \$25. application fee due at time you turn in application). Payment is \$75. by January 29th, balance \$75. is due before February 26th.

Hospital volunteer orientation programs must be completed in addition to this training program before you can be commissioned as a member of the Pastoral Care Team Ministry. The hospital orientation will take place during the training program at a time determined by the hospital pastoral care office. The orientation will include requirements for TB testing and vaccinations, if needed.

The Befriender Ministry will work in collaboration with the hospital office of pastoral care as an extension of that office. As a hospital minister you are required to observe all the necessary protocols and HIPPA regulations outlined by the hospital administration. Supervision for your ministry will be a shared responsibility of the hospital office of pastoral care and the Archdiocesan Office of Pastoral Care.