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OREGON**



Catholic Charities

PARISH COMMUNICATION ABOUT THE AVAILABILITY OF VISITATION TO THOSE WHO ARE HOMEBOUND

- Place frequent notices in the church bulletin.
- Make periodic pulpit announcements.
- Publish an information article in the parish newsletter.
- Submit an article for publication in the local newspaper.
- Feature individual visitors and their experiences in parish newsletter or through witness talks.
- Participate in the parish Ministry Fair.
- Distribute handouts that inform parishioners about Visitation Ministry.
- Commission Visitors at a parish Liturgy.
- Speak about the Ministry to various groups in the parish. (Members may also be able to identify folks to visit.)

SUGGESTED WAYS TO IDENTIFY THE SICK AND THE HOMEBOUND

- Use parish communication resources:
 - bulletin notices
 - pulpit
 - newsletter
- Urge people to contact the Parish Volunteer Coordinator of Visitation to the Homebound with concerns about family members or neighbors in need of outreach.
- Check and update the parish census file.
- Collaborate with the local agencies that serve older adults such as Meals on Wheels.
- Connect with the administration at assisted living facilities and acute rehab centers.
- Contact local hospital social workers/discharge planners/chaplains.
- Communicate with other faith communities in the area.
- Provide a place where friends and family of the homebound can leave the name, address, etc. of those to be visited, with their permission.
- Distribute information cards or simple brochures to the community agencies in the area.
- Communicate with ministries leaders within the parish.
- List on the parish webpage