
Parish Ministry Guide

MINISTRIES OF SACRAMENTAL LIFE AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Holy Rosary Parish
2007

Sacramental Preparation

Baptism Preparation Team

This group assists the Pastor in preparing parents of children for the sacrament of Baptism, by facilitating Baptism preparation evenings as well as helping with the celebration on Baptism Sundays.

Confirmation Preparation Team

These adults (and older teens) prepare grade eight students from our Parish Schools and from the public schools for the sacrament of Confirmation, by helping out with specially hosted Sunday liturgies, facilitating the small group learning sessions that follow and assisting with fun, social service activities.

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The RCIA team offers a program for adults who wish to join the Catholic Church. Team members prepare for weekly meetings (September to June) with candidates and their sponsors, participate in discussions and facilitate learning about our faith.

Marriage Preparation Team

Married couples assist engaged couples in preparing for their marriage, by:

- ❖ helping as part of a team to facilitate the Marriage Preparation Weekend *or*
- ❖ working 1:1 on the FOCCUS inventory to encourage couple communication and growth *or*
- ❖ assisting with wedding rehearsals

This growing ministry has different ways to encourage and support couples preparing for marriage. The only prerequisite is your own experience of marriage as a life-giving vocation.

First Reconciliation and First Eucharist

Each year the grade two students of our elementary schools prepare for these sacraments. There are many opportunities for parish volunteers- either parents or grandparents of the children, or others who have a special appreciation for these sacraments and some time to spare. The various tasks are usually coordinated at the first parent meeting.

Outreach: Funeral Ministries

Bereavement Committee

A support group helping those who are experiencing the pain of death and the loss of loved ones. These adults assist the priest at the wake service, contact families after the funeral and visit if requested.

Funeral Luncheons

This service is coordinated through the CWL but anyone who wishes to help is welcome. Lunch is prepared and served in the Parish Hall for bereaved families and friends following the funeral.

Funeral Choir

Singers and musicians who are available for funeral masses are welcome. Volunteers for this choir do not need to be members of other parish choirs.

Community Outreach

Missions Possible

This energetic group spreads awareness of Jesuit and Spiritan worldwide mission activities, and raises funds to support these missions.

Benevolent Outreach

Provides assistance to persons in need (often single mothers, newly unemployed, those not eligible for social assistance) within our parish boundaries by distributing groceries and food vouchers. Assistance is welcome and support provided.

Chalmer's Supper

Our parish provides and serves supper for the less fortunate in our city regularly through a cooperative venture with other local churches. There are many ways to assist in this ministry- from food preparation to serving and cleaning up to making a financial donation for basic costs of the meal. Announcements are made at Mass and sign up takes place several weeks before each meal.