



Faith Community Nurse  
Health Ministry

*In conjunction with*



**HENRY FORD MACOMB HOSPITALS**  
*Faith Community Nursing*

*...I pray that you may enjoy  
good health and that all may  
go well with you...*

*3 John: 2*

## **Mission Statement:**

Faith Community Nursing strives to build on and strengthen the capabilities of individuals, families and congregations to care for one another in response to God's gifts to us. Faith Community Nursing holds all persons sacred, and through Baptism, God cleanses our bodies to become temples of the Holy Spirit. The Faith Community Nurse assists, educates and empowers individuals to become active partners in the management of their personal health by promoting physical, emotional and spiritual wellness. As part of this mission, our health ministry extends Christ to the congregation by assisting members in their efforts to live healthy, Christian lives.

## **What is a Faith Community Nurse?**

The Faith Community Nurse is a registered nurse who is committed to the holistic health ministry of the church and surrounding community.

The Faith Community Nurse:

- Discusses health problems.
- Seeks to educate and support persons of all ages through a variety of educational activities, programs and support groups.
- Performs blood pressure screenings.
- Acts as an advocate, resource person and liaison to other congregational resources and to community and hospital services.
- Serves as a clinical resource and acts as a teacher and supporter to parish members and volunteers to broaden and extend sources of help within the Church.
- Assists people to integrate faith and health.
- Seeks knowledge of the theory and practice of Faith Community Nursing through independent reading, conferences and networking.
- Works with the Henry Ford Macomb Hospitals Faith Community Nursing Network

## **What are the qualifications of a Faith Community Nurse?**

A Faith Community Nurse must be a registered nurse and a member of the church. The Faith Community Nurse must be experienced in health

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education, incorporating Christian values with healing and must agree to complete the required education.

### **What services does the Parish Nurse NOT provide?**

Any "invasive procedures" such as blood tests, injection and wound care. Church members needing these services may be referred to an appropriate health care agency.

### **How can the Faith Community Nurse help me?**

Faith Community Nurses may discuss health issues, provide counseling for you and your family, assist with health education and support, and aid with referrals to community resources. This ministry seeks to increase access and usage of existing services and develop means of providing non-existing services.

### **How do I contact the Faith Community Nurse?**

Church members are encouraged to call the Faith Community Nurse with health-related concerns, requests for hospital/home visits when sick and hospitalized and for assistance with any special health-related needs. The Faith

*"Here I am, Lord...  
...I will hold your  
people in my heart."*

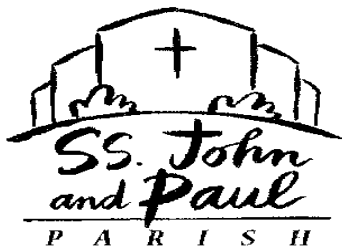
Community Nurses can be contacted by leaving a message at the church office at (586) 781-9010. The Faith Community Nurse will return the call within 24 hours.

### **Who are St. John and Paul Faith Community Nurses?**

Peggy Benson, RN, Anne Petriches, RN, and Joan M. Schnepf, RN

"Christ has no body now on earth but yours.  
No hands, but yours. No feet, but yours.  
Yours are the eyes through which the compas-  
sion of Christ must look out on this world".

~St. Teresa of Avila



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