

St. Elizabeth Health Care

In some parts of the Archdiocese of Toronto, St. Elizabeth Health Care provides medical care to people in their homes.

In Peel and York Regions, St. Elizabeth's employs two chaplains to provide Spiritual Care. They help to connect the local parish or faith community to those people served by the agency.

Many people find when they are receiving home care, they are also in new surroundings. Reconnecting with their faith community can be of vital importance.

If you have a family member being served by St. Elizabeth Health Care in York or Peel Region and you would like to avail of Spiritual Care, please contact their local office and make the request.

Peel Region: 905-826-4455
York Region: 905-944-1743
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A Few Things to Remember

- If you are to be admitted for surgery, please call your Parish Priest prior to your admission if you wish to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.
- Upon admission at the hospital, identify your religion as Catholic. If you do not disclose that you are a Catholic, no priest, deacon or Catholic lay minister will be informed and thus will not be able to visit you.
- Carry the card provided requesting the services of a priest so that if you arrive unconscious at an Emergency room you can be cared for spiritually.
- It is recommended that you also have a medical card that identifies your Power of Attorney.

“ It is the duty of pastors to instruct the faithful on the benefits of this sacrament (Anointing of the Sick). The faithful should encourage the sick to call for a priest to receive this sacrament.”

- Catechism of the Catholic Church

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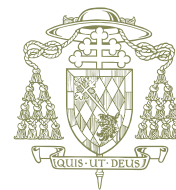
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Are You, or Someone You Love, Sick Or In Hospital?



**Hospitals,
Home Care,
Long-term Care
Facilities, and the
Pastoral Care of the Church**



“I was sick and you visited me...”

Recently the provincial government passed a law safeguarding the privacy of patient information in health care institutions.

This means that information about your religious affiliation, namely that you are a Catholic, may not be readily available to Catholic Priests, Deacons and Lay Ministers.

It is very important, therefore, that you identify yourself as a Catholic at the time of admission.

If you are admitted to a hospital that is relatively close to your parish, please have a family member call the parish to request a visit from your parish priest.

Most hospitals have a Spiritual Care Department and you can request Holy Communion or any of the Sacraments through this Department.

If you know ahead of time that you will be admitted into hospital for surgery, please request to have the Sacrament of the Sick administered to you at your Parish or at home before admission into hospital.



Catholic Chaplaincy at Regional Hospitals

People come from great distances to hospitals in the GTA.

In a number of hospitals in the Archdiocese, Catholic priests are directly available during the day. You can request their help through the Spiritual Care Departments or Staff Chaplains in the hospital.

The Archdiocese of Toronto employs priests on a full-time basis in some of the hospitals – St. Michael's, Mt. Sinai, Sick Kids', Sunnybrook, the University Health Network (Toronto General, Toronto Western and Princess Margaret). A Priest is available part-time at the Church Street site of the Humber River Regional Hospital.

Community Hospitals & Long-Term Care Facilities

Many local hospitals and long-term care facilities have committed Catholic volunteers. Over two-thirds of our more than 100 active deacons are involved in healthcare ministry.

These Catholic volunteers and deacons may organize visitation and Holy Communion. They will contact a priest if you wish to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Anointing of the Sick.

Home Care

Stays in hospitals are now short, and people are discharged to receive follow-up care at home.

It is important that you continue to be part of your parish community. Most parishes are busy places. They need your help to let them know that you would like a home visit or any of the Sacraments. Call your local parish if you do wish to have such a visit.

