

OVERVIEW: WHAT DO PARISH NURSES DO?

INTEGRATE MEDICAL, PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL DIMENSIONS IN CAREGIVING

ACTIVITIES MAY INCLUDE

ADVOCATING

Health needs of handicapped members, mental health care, and other special needs persons

ENCOURAGING

Sharing in prayer and scripture

FACILITATING SUPPORT GROUPS

Loss and grief, managing stress, addiction

HEALTH SCREENINGS

Blood pressures, camp physicals

LIAISON WITH CONGREGATION

Recruiting volunteers to assist with transportation, meals, friendly visits, collaboration with other ministry teams

NETWORKING WITH COMMUNITY FOR EDUCATION OF THE CONGREGATION

Health organizations, communicable disease information, CPR training, etc

RESOURCES AND REFERRAL

Internet health resources, crisis intervention, health insurance issues, food shelves, etc.

PERSONAL HEALTH COUNSELING

Available to listen in confidence and refer as appropriate

TEACHING

Issues relating to youth, aging, ethics, parenting,

VISITATION

Homes, hospitals, nursing homes, hospice

WRITING AND SPEAKING

Newsletters, health bulletins, local news outlets, classes on health topics, seniors programs