


# *Ministry to the Sick and Homebound*



The purpose of the Ministry to the Sick & Homebound (Ministry) is to demonstrate the love and pastoral care of the faith community to persons who are infirmed and/or confined to hospitals, nursing homes, or a private residence. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Sick and Homebound (EMHCSH) provide the opportunity for members of the community to be spiritually nourished through the sharing of the Word, prayer, and reception of Eucharist. In bringing Holy Communion to the sick and homebound, the EMHCSH represents Christ and manifests faith and charity on behalf of the whole parish community. This ministry is a sign of support and concern shown by the community for its members.

Ministers to the Sick and Homebound are lay faithful who receive specialized formation to assist their pastors in providing pastoral care to the sick and homebound of their parish. They offer the presence of Christ through the Eucharist and through their presence as representatives of the parish community, bringing comfort and the Church's support to those in need. MTS offer prayers, companionship, and communion to those unable to attend their parish's Eucharistic celebration. MTS formation workshops provide practical skills and a deep understanding of the spiritual significance of this ministry. Ongoing support ensures MTS undergo continuing formation and are well-prepared to extend the Eucharist to those unable to attend Mass.

Candidates for this ministry are to be fully initiated Catholics, who are active members of a parish. They should be of sufficient age (at least 18 years old), maturity and temperament to undertake this ministry. They must have no impediment to receiving Holy Communion and participate in the Sacramental life of the Church. They must be fingerprinted and in compliance with diocesan Safe Environment Policy and Procedures. Candidates should be physically able to exercise this ministry and must comply with the diocesan policy and procedures.

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**If you would like to begin training to be a minister to the sick, please email, [mail@dunnelloncatholic.org](mailto:mail@dunnelloncatholic.org).**

**To have Holy Communion brought to you or a loved one, call the office: 352-489-3266**

**If you are in the hospital and you need a priest for Last Rites, ask hospital staff to call the closest Catholic Church.**