



HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

MINISTRY DESCRIPTION/OVERVIEW:

The Homebound ministry provides a social connection to members of our parish community who can no longer come to regular parish gatherings and events due to age, illness, or limited mobility because they no longer drive. Members of this committee touch lives through love, as they visit in the home, make phone calls, or send notes of care which gives our parishioners a sense of belonging.

ACTIVITIES OF MINISTRY:

- Send birthday wishes to each person on the homebound list
- Create and Send seasonal cards
- Send notes with parish news or a bulletin
- Visit the homebound regularly (usually monthly if possible)
- Make phone calls to the homebound
- Work in conjunction with Eucharistic Ministry to the Homebound

EXPECTATIONS OF MINISTRY

Committee members take on one of these:

- Address and mail Birthday cards to 30 to 40 homebound – 10 to 20 minutes per month. Cards and stamps can be supplied by the parish or by the volunteer
- Send appropriate Holiday cards – about 4 times a year. Design card or find ones that work. Time would be about one to two hours per set of cards
- Write personal notes or make phone calls. Contact your assigned person at least once a month. Time is 15 minutes a month
- Visit a homebound person – Ministers are asked to visit at least once a month for about an hour

Witness Statement 1:

I first got involved with the homebound ministry because we were bringing someone to church. I saw how cut off homebound people can feel. I desired to do more so, I asked if there were other people I could visit.

When I visited Kay G we would laugh and talk about the past. She was such a little sweetheart and we became good friends. Meeting another good person left me on a high because I know I made her happy with my visits. It is very rewarding and you will probably get more out of it than you are able to give. This ministry is very helpful to the people you are visiting, and crucial to our community life.

Bonnie
Eckendorf

Witness Statement 2:

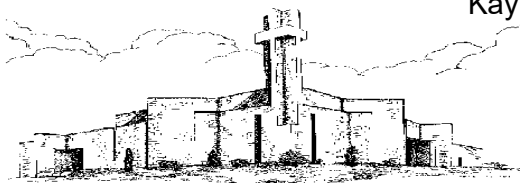
I originally got involved with the ministry because I was looking for something I could do from home on my own time schedule while I was incapacitated. I am hopeful that the cards and notes are a reminder to those homebound that they are loved, remembered, and prayed for by the faith community of OLM.

Anonymous

Witness Statement 3:

I wish I could still get out to church. Sometimes I feel cut off. I look forward each month to my visit from Bonnie. She tells me what is going on in the church. We laugh, sometimes we cry, I always feel loved.

Kay G.



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