

# Parish Nurse Ministry ?

A parish nurse is a registered nurse who facilitates the whole-person health of a congregation and in doing so, helps to reclaim the healing ministry of the church.

The foundations of parish nursing are spirituality, the link between faith and health, and the integration of body, mind and spirit (whole-person health).

Parish Nurse Ministry is a team approach. The team includes a Parish Nurse, a Minister or Chaplain, and a Health Committee. The focus of Parish Nurse Ministry is primarily health promotion and illness prevention.

*"and He sent them out to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick."  
(Luke 9:2)*

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**Brenda Mann**  
*alumnus of the Parish Nurse Institute 1999*

Attending the Parish Nurse Institute in 1999 was the key that opened the door for a new and exciting ministry for me. Years of God's nudging in my heart finally made sense as I felt His call during that week. This Institute was the springboard I needed as I received encouragement, training and guidelines to begin a Parish Nurse Ministry in my home church. Learning alongside nurses from many faith communities was invaluable as we shared resources and support. Since January 2000, the Parish Nurse Ministry in our church has helped connect people to God, to each other and to our community. I highly recommend the Parish Nurse Institute at McMaster Divinity College.



**Joyce E. Bellous**  
*Director, Parish Nurse Ministry*

Since 1998, more than 190 nurses have completed the Parish Nurse Institute at McMaster Divinity College. These nurses have come from as far away as Victoria, BC, Rochester, NY, and Halifax, NS and represent many different denominations including Roman Catholic, Anglican, United, Brethren, Mennonite, Pentecostal, Convention Baptist, Presbyterian and Greek Orthodox.



  
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May 6 - 13, 2005



The Parish Nurse Institute is an ecumenical, eight-day intensive educational and personal growth experience.

The purpose of the Institute is to introduce participants to the foundations and tools necessary for Parish Nurse Ministry from a Christian perspective. The format is a combination of lectures, discussions, breakout sessions, and group work.

The content includes an introduction, history of Christian healing, spiritual care, educational reflection for parish nurses, theological reflection for parish nurses, pastoral care, the parish nurse and the client experiencing grief, working with pastors and churches, legal issues in parish nursing, parish nurse theory and parish nurse practice.



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The Institute includes Sunday worship, daily devotions and a healing service. Each day will begin at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast and finish around 6:00 p.m. with a lunch break. Participants will be free most evenings to relax, socialize, or read materials.

**Fees:** The cost of tuition is \$850.00 before April 1, 2005. This fee includes materials, resources, all sessions, daily continental breakfast, and some other meals.

**Prerequisites:** The applicant must have a current Certificate of Competence as a registered nurse from the College of Nurses of Ontario or an equivalent certificate from another province or state.

**Institute Location:** The Institute will be held at McMaster Divinity College on the campus of McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario.

**Faculty:** Lecturers include parish nurses, pastoral care and mental health consultants, a spiritual care educator, a nurse lawyer, and a bereavement specialist.

**Accommodations:** Rooms are available in one of the McMaster University residences. For those wishing to stay on campus, book your room early. For more information about accommodations at McMaster University, e-mail: [confis@mcmaster.ca](mailto:confis@mcmaster.ca) or call (905) 525-9140 ext. 24781.

**Parking:** On-campus parking is available weekdays and on weekends. Check the University website for current rates. For those staying in residence, a parking pass can be obtained at the Commons Building conference services desk.

**Refunds:** Refunds for the conference fee will be issued if requested in writing, no later than one month before the program begins (minus \$50.00 administration fee).

**Dress:** Casual

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### REGISTRATION

Mr.  Mrs.  Ms.  Pastor  Rev.  Dr.

Reg. Nurse #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Prov/ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (Home): \_\_\_\_\_

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Registration Fee

\$850.00 .....Before April 1, 2005

\$900.00 .....After April 1, 2005

A deposit of \$350.00 must accompany this form.  
*(balance due on May 6, 2005)*

Please make cheque payable to  
McMaster Divinity College

*There is a charge for NSF cheques.*

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This is a limited enrollment institute. Register today to avoid disappointment.