

DOCUMENTING OUR MINISTRIES

MINISTRY: GREETING CARDS

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MINISTRY DESCRIPTION:

Do you enjoy writing notes in sending greeting cards and sending them to people who are ill, recovering from surgery, or homebound? How about to military personnel serving in far away lands? If so, this could be a ministry for you! Cards and postage are provided but you supply the compassion and words of hope. This ministry is devoted to providing a pastoral presence in the lives of parishioners facing particular challenges such as those just mentioned. Anyone interested in this ministry should contact the Rector or Deacon.

The specific tasks involved in this ministry include

- Checking with rector or deacon to see who might need cards
- Writing and mailing cards
- Keeping track of whom cards were sent to and why

Gifts, skills, and insights that are particularly suited to this ministry would include

- Self-motivated – a “self-starter”
- Ability to write with sensitivity, compassion and grace
- Excellent communication skills with seriously ill and/or bereaved persons
- An understanding that the notes are an extension of the parish’s pastoral ministry
- Ability to keep confidences

Additionally, the person who commits to this ministry must also be aware that often the information they receive will be limited due to the sensitive nature of a particular situation and they need to be OK with this.

The time required of this ministry varies, depending on need. Each note requires prayerful attention and mindfulness of the person’s situation. Additionally, this person is encouraged to attend occasional Pastoral Care meetings.

For those interested in supporting this ministry but who do not feel called to write notes, handmade cards and donations for postage are always welcome.