

## Minister to Priests

The Minister to Priests seeks to provide pastoral care which supports and strengthens priestly life and ministry of the presbyterate of the Diocese of Worcester.

To visit/ converse with all the priests – active, retired and on leave of absence no matter where they reside.

90% of the ministry is confidential

To advocate for the priests on their behalf and for their wellbeing.

To periodically offer general estimates and reports to the Bishop and/or the Presbyteral Council about the presbyterate without naming names to protect confidentiality and foster trust.

To develop and sustain various forms of priestly support groups, especially among the retired priests and the recently ordained.

To visit with the priests individually to listen to their hopes and frustrations, their successes and problems, their constructive comments and criticisms.

To take to lunch any priest especially the retired priests and those on leave of absence or on prayer and fasting

To go to court with any priests who finds himself in that situation.

To serve on the Presbyteral Council, Personnel Board, both committees of the Healing and Prevention Office by appointment of the Bishop.

To be in contact with the staff at St. Luke Institute, Guest House and other Treatment Facilities where a priest is under their care and direction.

To attend various conferences, workshops and seminars that are important to properly minister to the priests

There are other duties and obligations that are part of the ministry that should not be put on paper.