

Ministry to the Retired Priests

Mission and Goals

Our mission is to provide preventive health care, manage chronic and acute health care problems and assure that quality terminal care is given to our retired priests. Our goal is to meet not only the physical needs of our priests but to also insure that their psychological and social needs are met within the framework of resources available.

Approaches

- Communicate with physicians, insurance companies and various social agencies to insure that the priest's plan of care is followed.
- Visit priests in the acute care and rehab settings to make sure appropriate follow-up care is ordered.
- Accompany priests to medical visits to insure that follow-up care, concerns and change in care plans are initiated.
- Provide teaching and appropriate education materials when a new diagnosis or medical issue arises.
- Follow through on outpatient rehab programs and accompany priests to such sessions as needed.
- Assist priests in relocating to an alternate level of care as the need arises.
- Visit priests who are clinically unstable and do not qualify for VNA services on a regular basis in order to maintain their maximum level of wellness.
- Provide personal care as needed especially during an acute illness or significant change in status.
- Provide treatments for acute and chronic problems when outside services discontinue their services.
- Make sure medications are ordered, picked up from the pharmacy and prepared as the need of the priest dictates.
- Schedule appointments to address new medical issues and communicate with the PCP when a change of condition arises.
- Accompany priest to the emergency room to insure correct medical information is communicated to the staff and the wishes of the priest regarding treatment are followed.