

The Call...

"I volunteered for years, bringing the Eucharist to patients in the hospital. Lingered conversations led me to a deep sense of awe at their spiritual yearnings and resources. Someone asked me if I had ever considered chaplaincy? I hadn't. I did. Now I am."

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"I am a cancer survivor. During my treatments, spiritual mates surrounded and supported me, aiding my healing process. I felt an overwhelming sense of gratitude and wanted to be an instrument of healing in turn."

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"My wife died too early in life. In my emptiness and grief, another stood by me compassionately. I wasn't the same; didn't want to be the same. Now I am that compassionate companion for others as they prepare to take leave of a loved one."

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"Nursing was a fulfilling career. I often found myself in faith conversations with patients. Gradually I knew this was to be my fulltime calling – to be a faith-filled, listening presence to patients."



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NACC Mission Statement

The National Association of Catholic Chaplains advocates for the profession of spiritual care and educates, certifies, and supports chaplains, clinical pastoral educators, and all members who continue the healing ministry of Jesus in the name of the Church.

Catholic Chaplaincy:

A Promising Professional Career
Begins with Hearing a Call

When do you know chaplaincy calls you?



Could this be you?

If you have not thought about chaplaincy as a fulltime ministry career, you are not alone. But know that we need you now more than ever.

Chaplaincy can be an incredibly rewarding career, with competitive compensation commensurate with its professional training.

In the next five years, the demand for board-certified chaplains will grow greatly. Won't you consider preparing for, and even starting this ministry NOW?



Have you considered chaplaincy?

Do you sometimes sense the tug to become more involved in a healing ministry? Chaplains serve in diverse settings where they are dedicated to the spiritual care and comfort of people experiencing pain, vulnerability, loneliness, anger, abandonment, as well as joy and hope.

A hospital bed, a hospice room, a behavioral health facility, a retirement home, a prison cell, a chapel, a nursing station, a physician's office are places where chaplains minister. They are called by God to be spiritual care leaders, continuing the healing ministry of Jesus in the name of the Church.



How can you begin?

Talk with your spiritual director or academic advisor about this critical ministry.

To connect with a chaplain near you, to learn more about preparing to be a board-certified chaplain, or where you can meet chaplains and those preparing for this ministry, please contact:

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