

National Association of Catholic Chaplains - Members Survey - Goal IV	
Question #2 Why should foundations or potential donors care about funding the work of NACC?	
What difference does our ministry make?	
Response count: 489 Skipped question 21	
1	Potential donors should realize that they contribute to the enhancement of health care by enabling chaplains to become more professional.
2	We are making sure all kinds of chaplains are trained, certified and able to receive ongoing professional training
3	I believe we make services to patients more complete to meet the needs holistically
4	Its conventions are inspirational. Chaplains have a unique presence to patients and address unique needs that are not addressed by other members of health care staffs.
5	To sit with and support those searching for meaning, to hold the supportive unjudgmental space as a light in the darkness when people experience unexpected crisis and/or their world has been shattered and they have lost their moorings, and especially the being with and offering a sacred presence when people are faced with loss and dying. All of these make a huge difference to people at a critical time.
6	I believe in our ministry as chaplains. Health care is changing daily and we need to be on the cutting edge. Our ministry is very important in today's world, as we reach out to all people we encounter in our environs.
7	through the support received from NACC, we are as chaplains touching lives of individuals daily. Their funding would help to continue this work so that we are able to continue supporting people through the most difficult times of their lives.
8	The NACC is an important organization to certify chaplains and continues to provide a periodical to continue the ongoing formation of pastoral care chaplains. Chaplains are vital in the meaning of being Church wherever they are employed and/volunteering.
9	To support the work of professionally trained and certified chaplains, and to distinguish our work from those called 'chaplain', but who do not have the training, education, and validation for their work. Our ministry makes a difference at the bedside, as patients and families are heard and encouraged as they explore their own spiritual and religious beliefs, which are a deep foundation for responding to suffering, pain, grief and death. We assist physicians and nurses and other practitioners in their own sorrows and joys of practicing medicine, and help them identify their own spiritual and emotional resources for resilience in their practices.
10	This is a vital work for ministering to patient of all faith and especially the Catholics.
11	Collaboration and growth
12	It is a gift to the church.
13	Light in the darkness to speak figuratively
14	In the hospital that I minister at, it is very obvious that our ministry is needed and appreciated. We are often told how much we are needed.
15	Catholic Ministry certification can be obtained
16	We reach many people, for some we are their first encounter with the Church after many years away. We offer support in times of need and vulnerability thus carrying on the work Jesus began and we further social justice work and Catholic social teaching.
17	The second part of this question is loaded with responses. But, just considering the fact that psychologists and those interested in holistic healing are confirming the need for the Pastoral/Spiritual Care Departments with certified chaplains, also confirms the fact that finances, prepared chaplains and volunteers are necessary.
18	First, Chaplaincy can be isolating: many chaplains work alone or with only a small number of colleagues. Yet, the chaplain cares for everyone: patients, families, and colleagues. NACC cares for the chaplains, providing support for us as persons, and for the work we do, in so many ways. Second, in a time when Catholic identity feels increasingly important, NACC helps us come together and remember who we are called to be in light of the gospel. Especially for those who minister in secular settings, this is critically important. For those who minister in a faith base setting, it provides reinforcement and calls us to be leaders and role models: a very visible face of mission.

19	As a profession we bring the trough meaning to the interdisciplinary healthcare team and often are the first ones to help with the transdisciplinary team approach that benefits a patient in body, soul and mind.
20	I think we need to show the difference we make as chaplains. We
21	My ministry to the bereaved is extremely important because it lets them know some one cares about them and that they have been heard. Hard
22	We are the clinicians who listen with the heart and offer unconditional regard to "the least of these."
23	Everyone is spiritual - body, mind and spirit. We provide the support to assist healing of the spirit, which affects the body and mind. Use Puchalski's defintion of spirituality
24	chaplains'services to healthcare is an integral part to the well-being and care of patients. Very undervalued in most settings. Much of what a chaplain accomplishes is thankless, even in terms of what they are given as salary/benefits.Chaplaincy in healthcare should be more recognized professionally.s.
25	The demand for chaplaincy has been and will continue to rise as the health care landscape continues to change. While inter-Faith and trans-cultural sensitivity are key in the professional upbuilding of chaplain formation, it is very crucial to maintain initiatives, ministry that are specifically centered in the Catholic traditions because of the ethical, moral and spiritual values that offer unique perspective in the entire landscape of health care chaplaincy. The work of NACC is the only one that I know that has the task of sustaining these values and maintaining these goals.
26	NACC is unique in its mission and vision to form chaplains who can provide qualitative spiritual care based on christian principles.
27	No other discipline can provide the same quality of spiritual care that a board certified chaplain does
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29	It is important for them to keep the funding open and support the work of NACC through which they strenghten the administrative and technical day-to-day affairs of NACC.
30	Quite a bit of difference.
31	Brings hope to the hopeless and comfort to the dying and peace to the living
32	NACC's advocacy for whole person care for those in distress extends the healing ministry of Jesus in real and concrete ways.
33	The need is great - helping those who are vulnerable.
34	Helping people in need. Comfort patients in difficult time, Spiritual Surpport.
35	Pastoral care providers continue the work of Jesus.
36	This organization kgives voice to a part of the Catholic Church that otherwise would be voiceless...men and WOMEN in pastoral ministries suported and credentialed by the USCCB.
37	Dignity of each person respected under Pastoral Care; Support in making significant life decisions
38	A chaplains ministry spans all cultural, ethnic, religious factions - none of us leaves this earth alive.
39	Our ministry contributes to the wholistic health of our patients, residents, or clients.
40	To impact God's presence through pastoral care
41	Certification assures institutions of properly prepared chaplains
42	NACC Chaplains are in ministry in every vital aspect of healthcare providing spiritual and emotional support to patients and staff. NACC members work in varied inter-faith healthcare settings. NACC members exemplify the Pope's emphasis on the spiritual and corporeal works of mercy for the "least of these".
43	NACC helps educate and certify chaplains who are compassionate, effective and ethical.
44	Perhaps the difference is as mentioned above - having ministered in smaller cities, it helped me keep in touch with a wider population of people in a like ministry.
45	We strive to uphold the dignity of the individual through compassionate ministry to all people while extending the universality of the Catholic faith. Our outreach and commitment extends to the lonely, the ill and suffering as we stand in solidarity with them.
46	Pastoral Care is a gift to all in need.. hospital, prisons, parishes, times of community crisis to all people. We all share in the labors and fruits of trained Chaplains.
47	It can help to keep chaplains on the cutting edge of what is going on in health care.
48	Care for the sic was a integral part of the Early Eucharest and an integral part of the "mission sermon" Jungmann Care of the sick by women and their pastoral care is frequently noted in the Didache. It is our oldest ministry From my personal experience with aging relatives and friends, it is Catholic chaplains an the parish liaty who are the face of Catholic care ministry today.

49 it keeps the nacc afloat

Our ministry has an impact on the PR image of the institutions in which we work, has an impact on customer surveys, impacts the quality care a patient receives because of the care and empathy we provide, and adds

50 the human element to the perception of a cold, scientific environment in which our institutions inhabit.

I would offer the NACC is a think tank for the future of ministry; not only building a vision, but offering ministry opportunities outside the hospital walls. If this is were helath care is really going, the NACC could be

51 instrumental in building models of chaplaincy outside the hospital

Catholic patients have a sense of security and safety when they encounter a Catholic chaplain who understands the importance of the sacraments and prayer, especially as priests become less available. I believe this to be the era of the growing importance of lay ministers and I appreciate that my diocese was able to pay my registration for last year's NACC national meeting. I wish I could attend every year. Perhaps

52 foundations/donors could underwrite more of the cost of the conferences.

53 Not sure what this money is used for but our ministry does make a difference...nationally hmmm not sure

54 I really can't say. How is it different than APC or ACPE except that a bishops conference approves it?

55 It helps us as Catholics to take quality spiritual care seriously.

56 Because they are very helpful and keep me updated. It makes a great difference in our ministry.

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I believe that healing needs to be wholistic. Pastoral Care can make a difference in helping the patient and

59 staff feel more comfortable and at peace. Then healing whether it is of body or mind can happen.

60 It's a subtle form of evangelization.

61 it makes chaplaincy a more professional position and the training is excellent (CPE)

62 Our ministry heals the world, one person at a time.

What is important should be cared for and NACC is important. The difference it makes among others is that of

63 CONSOLATION.

When people are in crisis and are hurting and confused they are open to the presence of a chaplain whom they feel they can trust. We don't earn as much as nurses, doctors and other medical professionals yet the work we do is just as important. We need funding to help us continue to thrive and provide the compassionate

64 care patients & families need.

NACC members help to create spiritual healing and provide light to those who are suffering and wounded.

65 The organization itself sets gold standards for quality health care chaplaincy.

66 To help keep up the good work of NACC

67 Not sure.

I do not know about foundations or private donors, but I do know that our ministry does a difference to patients,

68 families and staff as well.

69 People in need of a chaplain have a right to quality spiritual care

They should care about the quality of support and spiritual assistance they or their loved ones, and family

70 members, will receive when in need.

71 Allow the work to continue at a reasonable cost

72 Chaplains are at the bedside of patients and the members of the interdisciplinary team

As we continue to expand our services ministry is to the whole person and naturally for me spirituality is at the

73 heart of the person...Wholistic is the way to go!

It is a key ministry in hospitals, long term care homes, prisons, military and etc. Any person who has recieved

74 this ministry in person can give the best answers for why Chaplains are needed in many places.

75 It is about spirituality as a vital sign in regards to wholistic for patients, families and staff.

76 It about being holistic care to those who need it. Ministering the spirit is the key to self care.

We provide an essential spiritual services to those we serve - in hospitals, nursing homes, hospice care and

77 other venues

our ministry helps bring about healing, understanding, acceptance, compassion and love to others in times of vulnerability, transitions, challenges, crisis and death. As humans we are body and soul made in the image of

78 God and our ministry cares for the soul.

79 It contributes greatly to holistic care.

80	Quality chaplaincy care integrates spiritual and emotional discernment, development and coping into services and support for people in times of greatest need/opportunity for growth.
81	Our ministry makes a lot of difference in the lives of patients we serve assisting them in their spiritual and emotional needs.
82	It is the professional organization for Catholic Chaplains on a par with the College of Chaplains
83	I believe funding is crucial to the mission of NACC and its ministries. The differences that the ministry provides include education, research, certification competencies, certification mentorship, and ensuring that standards for chaplaincy meet the changing landscape of healthcare.
84	Foundations and other donors who have an interest in high quality spiritual care in health care should consider supporting the NACC. It is one of the main organizations which are supporting and developing the role of spirituality in overall health care and wellbeing.
85	I feel that the fund will flow as long as the NACC is faithful to its missions: (1) chaplaincy education/certification and professional development, (2) promotion of spiritual care by advocating for professional Catholic Chaplains.
86	I believe the Catholic Bishops and church communities should care about having the Catholic voice, experience, ethics and spiritual sensitivity alive in the American culture and available to Catholic community when they are sick/ injured
87	If we believe in the Spirit, this ministry is a gateway in times of illness, for healing, and for wholeness with God
88	be present to the ill, providing spiritual care to them is crucial and intercal part of good health care
89	Spirituality is central to healing the whole person.
90	I've really enjoyed the times I've been able to attend the annual meetings. I feel there's a group of like-minded people out there that are supportive.
91	Our ministry help to connect patients with their family and staff and to connext them to God and their community of faith.
92	Its team of chaplains reach out to the most in need. NACC unifies people
93	All the difference in the world re patient experience. The pts who have seen a chaplain do better.
94	It creates the environment for healthier, more accountable pastoral/spiritual care well- equipped to navigate the rapidly changing health care environment, ensuring more charitable and effective care for the whole person and community.
95	Donors help those who help those who serve the afflicted. Donors make that possible
96	Helps to have a professional group to lend legitimacy to chaplaincy and advocate for spiritual care in an environment that is inclined not to value our field.
97	Our ministry provides a focus and humanizing sensitivity to the work of Catholic health care.
98	NACC provides a rigorous certification process for pastoral ministry. Applicants must demonstrate how they complete a set of professional Standards, in addition to fulfilling their academia, in order to be certified. Once more, certification must be renewed every five years with the demonstration of continuing education and the attainment of professional goals. Continued growth in the profession is expected and nurtured.
99	We make a difference in the lives of others
100	We are integrated not only in the healthcare setting but uniquely positioned to support local churches / value centers.
101	to sad people
102	Care for clinical Chaplains who are skillfully trained and endorsed...who are worth a million \$\$\$
103	Professional development
104	Cover another facet of patient care and wellbeing
105	Touching lives
106	Spiritual care is an essential component to the healing process not just for donors but those in Health Care leadership to appreciate and support.
107	Because great ministry is not free -so says St. Paul
108	Total healing of Body, Soul and Spirit. Ministry can touch what others cannot or do not want.
109	Highly trained, qualified & certified individuals to serve in the ministry of chaplaincy
110	Our ministry is important, not sure if NACC is critical to the ministry
111	Keep all of the above and more alive and pertinent to Catholic chaplains!

112	It's important we focus efforts on research and moving forward on key emerging themes. We have learned that when a few systems come together and learn together, we get better and quicker results--not when we try to get all members of the association to work on something.
113	Because we pay for everthing as members The ministry makes a big difference but Everything is about money
114	We provide (or should) assurance of continuing the wholistic healing of Jesus that is well grounded in our Catholic identity and theology. Through this foundation, we can be inclusive and provide hospitality that reflects the healing the Christ and the CHurch has provided for over 2000 years. We are that field hospital that Pope Francis in the provision of care.
115	SPIRITUAL HEALTH CARE IS INDESPENSABLE TO HOLISTIC HEALTHCARE, AND THIS IS WHAT NACC MINISTRY SERVES
116	One of the few ministries in the Catholic Church where both men and women, clerical and lay members are treated equally.
117	Fostering growth of Catholic chaplaincy as a ministry and profession; building solidarity among Catholic chaplains
118	This is for those who can do that answer. I think you need to think bigger than just Catholic hospitals.
119	M.D.s and nurses work primarily on the body of the patient, while chaplains work with the mind, Soul, and HEART of the patient and his/her family.
120	on the one hand: addresses Roman Catholic tenets in concert with today's realities esp in the healthcare setting. on the other: it raises standards of accrediting spiritual counselors/chaplains to meet the spiritual needs for those who do not ascribe to any theistic belief.
121	The NACC provides much needed Certified Ministers to provide listening skills and semsativity to patients and family members as they negotiate illness and end of life situations. In this ministry it is important to remain God focused for individuals evin when they are not. To provided sensativity and prayer when needed is very important in today's challenging world!
122	Because of our ministry, our patients/clients receive all round, holistic healing for the body, mind and spirit. Funding enable NACC to ensure its members operates with proven evidenced-based standards of care
123	not sure how it influences those who are not chaplains.I for one never heard of it until i became a chaplain.
124	There seems to be few Catholics chaplains. Getting the word out to lay people about this needed ministry, especially with so few priests. Most people are accepting of lay Catholic chaplains after they find no priest is available.
125	I have not requested donations from my religious community. I think fees, cost of requirements are much.
126	professional chaplain ministry offers priceless healing care which humanizes health care
127	Professional standards of excellence & integrity.
128	Imp to the people we serve. Share in new insights
129	It makes a great deal of difference to Catholic hospitals that chaplains be professionally trained. As well NACC is a wonderful advocate with the Bishops. I believe we are trusted more when we are a BCC with NACC.
130	It makes a big difference, but people are no aware of the chaplain services.
131	Our ministry of spiritual care fosters healing on the emotional and spiritual level, providing support that can help patient to improve in their overall health!
132	People don't realize the importance of the work we do until they need it.
133	helps those unable to pay for needed education
134	Our ministry can make all of the difference in the world to families and patients. We provide care at some of the most important times in life.
135	It is creative and taps into the needs of the human heart.
136	I believe that Chaplains are an essential part of the patients healing, and comfort for the family ans patient at the time of death.
137	NACC makes sure that those in the ministry are well prepared and quality individuals. It enables those who minister in all areas, especially hospital, help those continue to bring peace, comfort and strength to those with will and at end of life. They are a presence that isn't time limited and can be a liaison for patients and families.

138	A rigorous CEU requirement- which keeps members involved in ministry/ self reflection and medial/leadership roles helps keep the membership vital and engaged in the various business cultures
139	Our ministry provides the "soul dimension" to health care and, without that, there is no Catholic health care ministry.
140	Our ministry makes a vital contribution to the well-being of the person in care. The spiritual component of healing continues to be explored and affirmed on many levels, not the least in anecdotal evidence of those receiving our care
141	NACC strengthens Catholic identity. NACC provides Catholics with certification.
142	Catholic ethics and values must remain strong in healthcare throughout the country---Compassion, excellence, human dignity, justice and sacredness of life. Our religious directives provide appropriate guidelines for varied and complex situations.
143	Chaplains improve patient experience at hospitals--there's a lot of research to back that up. Catholics like to have chaplains who understand their faith and speak their faith language.
144	continuing to improve chaplain competency and care standards -- would also like to see research.
145	Most folks believe in God and God is in every situation, A pastoral approach in tough situations is always better than a purely intellectual approach
146	There is no greater work than being with people when they need to be prayed with and listened to in difficult times.
147	The ministry of a chaplain is of vital importance. I am unsure how much NACC relates to it.
148	Our ministry takes care of the whole person, benefit to patient, staff and families. Helps in interdisciplinary team, have our credentials demonstrates training similar to other trained professionals
149	The integral work of providing a framework for supporting the ministry of Catholic chaplains is a worthy goal to support. There is need to grow informed professional catholic chaplaincy as a hallmark of Catholic Healthcare Services.
150	Our ministry is very important for our work as chaplains. It is rewarding to have our own Catholic certification process and health care ethics.
151	I will be making a donation to the foundation but I have no idea what it does. I just think that it probably will create a financial cushion so that NACC can continue to do its work without the struggle to survive always at the door.
152	As the spiritual care experts, chaplains help to assess and address issues related to meaning, comfort, values and faith for patients and their families. These issues frequently influence decisions regarding medical care but are too seldom able to be addressed by those focused on the physical needs of patients. Outcomes, both medical and emotional are improved when the issues of meaning have been woven into the care, satisfying both patients and caregivers!
153	The sick carry burdens not always visible and chaplains presence and attentive listening can hasten physical, mental, and emotional healing through their ministry.
154	advocates for the discipline and educates those in the profession
155	Supports Catholic WOMEN in professional ministry
156	We often minister to the most in need.
157	This ministry connects people to themselves, to God, to sacraments, and to the church . A Catholic Church/faith presence at the time of death is reassuring and comforting to those dying and those who are grieving.
158	Excellent and appropriate formation of good, solid Catholic chaplains.
159	In addition to all the ways I have benefitted personally and professionally, listed above, the benefits to patients and hospitals is incalculable: competent, well-formed and well-trained spiritual care for the same primary demographic of Jesus' ministry (the Son of Man came to serve the sick, not the healthy) in our generation
160	ask the pt, resident, etc
161	We provide an opportunity to help others reconcile with the spiritual pain in their life. Spiritual cancer can affect their physical and emotional ability to function in constructive and healthy environment.
162	It is necessary for potential donors to fund the NACC because of her important role in the holistic care of patients, families and staff. Our ministry prepare patients to recover well or to die well.

163	Professional chaplaincy is more important than ever in health care, especially with the current emphasis on the patient experience. Supporting NACC in particular contributes to the legacy of many religious congregations who founded Catholic hospitals, and for whom spiritual care was an essential part of their mission.
164	As a chaplain being a member of NACC and being board certified makes difference because it demonstrates specialized knowledge, skills and experience for the work of ministry. It means a person has met and achieved competency with the standards for service in the field of spiritual care. Donor foundation and institutions can feel confident that NACC furthers the role of chaplaincy as an interdisciplinary team member who enhances collaboration and patient satisfaction. NACC enhances professional credibility and validation of knowledge and qualification. All this leads to improved patient safety and quality of care. Patient and families can feel confident about spiritual caregivers as compassionate and professional.
165	Spirituality is integral to the human person - a person's spirituality is integral to the identity of the individual.
166	Professional spiritual care is critical to health care.
167	Human persons need the compassionate care and spiritual support Chaplaincy can offer.
168	NACC Chaplains serve those in need, their family members, and staff members of spiritual care, sacraments, prayer and understanding of grace and resources
169	Spiritual Care is an integral part of healthcare. We will be faced a chaplain shortage.
170	the news communicates the issues for those who are retired.
171	As Catholic Chaplain, I know the peace that comes to patients once they are heard and accepted.
172	Catholic ministry is unique. A well-trained Catholic chaplain can minister well to all Christian traditions; the opposite is not always true. Moreover, priests aside, there are far too few Catholic chaplains, in particular for ministry to Catholic patients. We must find ways to encourage lay men and women into chaplaincy, despite a Church that is only nominally supportive.
173	It is a needed service to those who need Chaplains especially towards the end of life.
174	It provides a venue for lay Catholics to use their gifts and talents to become more deeply involved in ministry outside a parish setting. It allows for Catholic Chaplains to be certified within their specific faith tradition based upon Catholic doctrine.
175	The USCCB endorses board certified chaplains for chaplain ministry in Catholic hospitals and other healthcare facilities. Professional certification makes a difference, because it confirms the fact a board certified chaplain is equipped to provide chaplain ministry based on a set of standards and core competencies equivalent to standards and skillsets required for other various hospital and healthcare professionals in a healthcare system. The work of NACC needs to continue as a viable link to nurturing the needs of the human spirit in hospital patients, their families, and hospital staff.
176	It brings the light of Christ and so much comfort to others. They know they are not alone. In my own ministry, I see the shortage of priests impacting the ill -the priests just don't have the time to visit hospitals, convalescent homes, etc.
177	helping people cope with deeper (spiritual) realities in their lives (i.e., sense of meaning and purpose), as the Templeton Foundation supports spirituality studies.
178	We have an interfaith presence, continuity and deep experience that we share with each other
179	Improves excellence in this ministry. Also ensures Catholic Mission.
180	Our service as chaplains in healthcare settings is most valuable even though much unrecognized as such.
181	They should care and they should invest on the NACC as a way of improving the spiritual life of so many people. It makes a big difference when the people have someone prepared to listen to their struggles of this life,
182	It ensures competent chaplains
183	Caring for the whole person-body, mind and spirit.
184	Impact of pastoral care through stories and research
185	We bring the ministry of the loving God to people when they need it most.
186	We have the ability to touch people's lives at the deepest level possible.
187	guarantees a professional standard of care and offers continued education that effects level of patient care
188	In this age of technology we need the personal caring that chaplains provide

189	Provides a voice for chaplains as well as a source of support and education - all for the benefit of those served
190	We need a supportive network and professional association. To ensure the spiritual professional and quality care in health-care, in service to those in need of
191	compassionate care. Our ministry is very important for the spiritual care of others - spiritual care is just one facet of the wholistic care of an individual. One's spiritual connection, and in NACC's case - specifically, Catholic, is a source of
192	healing and comfort for people.
193	Ensure the spiritual professional and quality care that chaplaincy provides in health care. NACC is an important network providing ongoing education and training opportunities important to the work of
194	chaplains. NACC gives a voice to the value of chaplains and spiritual care - this ministry makes a difference because it gives chaplains the tools and support and insight they need to make a difference every day for every soul they
195	encounter - whether fellow associates, patients, or family members.
196	Promotes the ministry of the church, catholic healthcare is a different kind of business (value)
197	To help keep costs down to religious n professionals who are under compensated in the professional field of chaplaincy.
198	Foundations and donors should care about funding the work of NACC and other Certifying organizations to promote and support Board Certification as governing organizations such as Medicare and JCAHO seem to be pointing the future toward requiring a legitimate and effective provision of pastoral and spiritual care.
199	We bring much comfort to many people. The work done by the NACC and the chaplains who are part of the association is what Christ called us to do
200	as Christians. Thus we make a difference in the world.
201	building the future of spiritual care tightly connected with the future of healthcare
202	Growing evidence how spiritual care improves well-being on multiple levels, Foundations should care about funding our organizations because it helps chaplains be professional trained
203	and educated Our ministry of Chaplaincy is still in its infancy; therefore by our continued presence and identification as
204	Board Certified Chaplains, we are able to educate more people and promote our ministry.
205	It brings a spiritual component into patient care which patient and family seem to appreciate.
206	Educated group striving to support the dignity of each individual through respect and education
207	Professional preparation for the work; coverage for pastoral malpractice claims;
208	First of all I don't believe we can rely on membership as heavily as we do. We have significant dues, certification and recertification fees, conferences etc, most of which are not funded by our places of ministry. Then of course the annual appeal comes along with frequent reminders to give, give, give. I won't go into the variations in salary. So, yes, foundations and other type doners are essential. What difference does our ministry make?? That's a good question and one that also varies. How do we measure the spiritual, the affective supports, the ability to facilitate Sacramental needs even if we cannot offer these ourselves?
209	In order to do our ministry, we need to be recognized by NACC. To support the ministry we provide, funding is needed. our ministry helps people a lot in evaluating both meaning of their life and the spiritual meaning of human
210	existence Our ministry is a compassionate one, we are present when nobody other can be. We are professional and
211	relational. We do team work
212	Because it brings strength and professionalism to chaplaincy
213	Every organization needs some financial gas, and NACC fits the description. It is wonderful organization and especially needed in our church at this time. All when scholarships are offered
214	to all of us. in an ever increasingly stressful world, pointing those we meet in the direction of eternal values can result in
215	greater personal integrity and peace which would then impact the larger community.
216	?
217	We know how important our work is in the healing of souls and how that contributes to the healing of bodies. unfortunately, very few hospital administrators see it as essential. monies will fund advocacy for pastoral care needs, underwriting positions, advertising and public education.

218	Patients, staff and families benefit from our ministry; especially in promoting the Holistic care of the patients
219	The NACC does very little in terms of promoting our organization except to ourselves. There is little if any promotion of certified chaplains to the health systems.
220	Important work and ministry for the church.
221	NACC provides education, certification and support to many chaplains who are the only presence of spiritual care in current health care system which most are for-profit.
222	I am not aware
223	Foundations and potential donors are very vital to enable NACC meet various/numerous expenses in effort to maintain quality education, salaries and scholarship f
224	NACC play a huge role in pastoral care because of education with skills when dealing with the sick.
225	Donations support the programs offered by the organization that enable chaplains to do their best ministry to others.
226	The professional training has been invaluable
227	recognizing that health events impact the whole person --and
228	Makes a difference to Catholic health care organizations for sure.
229	Healing from a wholisitic perspective is gaining recognition and Mind, Body, Spirit connection is essential.
230	NACC promotes educated, integrated chaplains through certification process and assuring opportunities for chaplains to keep up with what is happening in their field
231	We minister to people of ALL faiths or even non-faith affiliated, not only Catholics or Christians, etal.
232	as well as of their staff.
233	The ministry of chaplaincy is central to the wellness of a person. If the spirit is sick, the body cannot heal. Chapalins need to be professionally prepared for the work . NACC is good at thorough preparation.
234	Those who seek spiritual and pastoral care and support in their times of illness or distress seek to find a bond with God who Eternally Loves them.
235	We make a big difference in the lives of the suffering and their families. We ease and give comfort to people in many circumstances
236	We provide the community the extended care that is missing or lacking because of the shortage of priests.
237	I have served in long term care - often our community does not have a pastor or priest available and working with others to provide spiritual care is help ful to the people directly served and the coworkers also benefit
238	NACC has given me the opportunity to be in touch with other chaplains. Also the annual conference is extremely beneficial.
239	Chaplaincy significant part of caring for whole person, chaplains give precious time to patients that docs don't have
240	Our ministry makes a profound positive impact on the healing of patients, families and staff.
241	The profession of chaplaincy (and especially Catholic chaplaincy) benefits so many people - and without the organizational structure that supports it, the profession would suffer.
242	We work in management of affirmation of life values, especially at significant or crisis moments in the lives of people. We are the embodiment of God's supportive and unconditional love. I can think of no greater reason for investing in the NACC
243	Spiritual care is directly linked to high patient satisfaction scores, healing and wellness.
244	We share in the healing ministry of Jesus
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247	We are part of the interdisciplinary team and spiritual care benefits good outcomes for patients as well as caring for the whole person
248	I think that donors, if interested, need to read the most current relevant research re: efficacy of Spiritual Care
249	Providing spiritual care, guidance, and compassion in difficult times is invaluable.
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251	Many many lives have changed because of our profesional chaplains. God is working very poerfully with NACC to do HIs work.

	Because certified chaplains are able meet the needs of individuals experiencing various crisis' with the time we are able to spend with residents, patients, and families. We are able spend the time to console, listen, help in mediation, assist in healing of brokenness, and an array of other supports that probably otherwise would not be met, or addressed. We supply the 'spirit' portion of the 'mind, body, spirit' of healing, and/or the spiritual preparation for death.
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253	It it's rooted in our Christian faith and this guide us in a deeper and stroger way to Christ.
254	Spirituality, prayer & reminders of God's love & presence is an important aspect of healing.
255	Our ministry is an essential part of total health care.
256	Connecting members and fostering the mission of Chaplaincy
257	If I were a foundation, I would not fund NACC until the competing organizations consolidate.
258	We are a professional organization and Spiritual Care is essential to the well being of all persons.
259	NACC supports the people who are serving God's people out in the world.
260	It is the life blood of NACC!
261	I'm not sure NACC provides a forcing function for foundations or other donors to contribute to our ministry. I do not see adequate outreach to other ministries in the church.
262	Chaplaincy provides the integration of ministering to the WHOLE person: body, mind, and SPIRIT. Chaplaincy benefits and reaches every aspect of our church, community, or society, whether patients (adult or children) in hospitals, husing homes, care facilities, hospice, schools, parishes or the marketplace.
263	To help membership fees decrease. Being a part of a professional chaplaincy organization is important to the ministry.
264	Chaplains impact the lives of those who are sick, experiencing trauma, or at the end-of-life.
265	Chaplains have a lot of education and training yet are paid less than many other professions. Outside funding enables our organization to continue, without burdening the members with even higher fees than we already have.
266	It provides support to people at a time when they are facing critical or vulnerable health issues
267	Our work is a noble one and coincided with Christ's major work ---care of the sick.
268	Incorporates the positive affects of spirituality into healthcare.
269	Truthfully, chaplaincy is not all that well received in the community. General public is not familiar with the role of a chaplain. The title is used intermittingly with the words priest and minister.
270	Chaplains just like other entities need a support system specific to their work
271	Respect dignity of patients,staff . Also we are well trained and have the traditions& strength of the Church.
272	In hospital / nursing home setting it gives patients the courage to keep going and staff the hope to keep trying. It's hard for me to separate NACC from the other accrediting groups in this regard for chaplains today address every spiritual belief. So to me the issue is chaplaincy itself which, to the uninformed, is not recognized for the spiritual support we provide. Because death and illness eventually reach every human being financial support is needed to help chaplains continue to 'educate' upcoming generations as to how we can help them through difficult times. A personal example: a goddaughter, actually a second cousin but for whom I have been her "aunt" all her life, will be taken off life support in another state tomorrow at the age of 54, a combination of lifestyle and the effects of the flu. Her second husband, whom I only met once in the past decade he has been involved, turned down my offer to be present, having no particular religious involvement--and wanting "to spare me" from having to see her "as she is now." He has no idea what tomorrow will be like for him and I could have helped. We have never lived the same state while I believe he might recall I am a retired chaplain, he obviously has no idea how I am prepared to help. So more work is needed in terms of lettin
273	Spirituality is integral to healing and chaplains are most qualified to provide and to make known this important reality
274	Bringing the spiritual element to the healing journey--supporting the aspects of healing that can neither be measured nor seen, but that is clearly present from the perspective of patients, family members, staff and chaplain. NACC support chaplains who represent the faith and values of the community in the hospitals and facilities that serve that community, particularly when individual community members are isolated or seperated from the community of which they are a part.
275	No one provides greater spiritual care in hospitals throughout this country than Chaplains and Spiritual Care is integral to the health and well-being of those who are ill.
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277	our ministry is inherently more theologically based, more person centered, more dignity conscious, more liturgically focused, more intentionally sacramental.
278	Ministry makes a huge difference in the care and response of the patients. They find our hospital a good place to be. If I hear a complaint from them, I address it immediately and they know that I will.
279	Even for foundations/donors who have no religious bent, spiritual well-being often is perceived as critical to human well-being, and spiritual health often is seen as critical to bodily health
280	provide calm and perspective for people in transition/crisis, attend to the spiritual aspect of the whole person, educate healthcare team, support healthcare team in their own issues
281	Everybody benefits from getting our name and ministry known
282	Professional chaplaincy with its exceptional spiritual care for patients and families requires well defined standards which need financial support.
283	Chaplains are so important in our world today. People need and crave guidance and connection throughout their lives; most especially in times of distress. Chaplains provide a very important service to patients, families, and staff through their support and guidance, which leads to improved outcomes, greater patient satisfaction, and a greater sense of wholeness for the organization itself.
284	The NACC is the only specifically Christian professional chaplaincy organisation. It is the only institution which asks what it means to be a Christian Chaplain. It is the only Chaplaincy group which is committed to and answerable to the Church and to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
285	This is the future of the Church!
286	raise the bar for professional chaplaincy and promote whole person care
287	Our ministry provides a compassionate, capable, well trained and vetted group of people to minister with those who are ill, dying or in distress. The largest group of lay ecclesial ministers in the US; ongoing training; a guarantee of excellence
288	In whichever fields we minister be it in hospitals, parishes, prisons or rehab centers, we invite people into a sacred and spiritual experience which is the deepest longing of every human's heart, knowingly or unknowingly.
289	One of 3 Essential Elements in the Healing Process--Spiritual, Mental, Physical
290	Because we need to take care of the whole person.
291	It's important to have effective and faith-filled chaplains. Having a community focused on Catholic chaplains makes sense, especially in healthcare.
292	Many of the hospitals that "supply" chaplain positions are Catholic hospitals. They have a vested interest in and deep awareness of the need for pastoral care. It only makes sense to support an organization that supports the mission of these settings.
293	I have no idea
294	Provide a spiritual presence to individuals who need support during a particular difficult time in their lives.
295	It touches the lives of suffering people and their families, bringing hope and healing.
296	we provide spir care to those who do not have a religious affiliation
297	Quality of patient care is strengthened through attention to the spirit of each person, not only body and mind.
298	Provides emotional and spiritual support with no bias or agenda
299	We bring spiritual care
300	Not sure---The Church's awareness of NACC is minimal; Many Bishops don't value it--ie. one auxiliary in our Diocese said priests don't need any special training for hospital ministry.
301	Our ministry touches the core of peoples lives, however, if you have not been in a hospital or experienced the gift of having a chaplain assist you in a Goals of care conversation or explore one's concerns regarding end of life, or share in a blessing or address anxiety or any other human emotion then it will be very difficult to see how we make a difference
302	We provide care for people at some of the most critical times of their lives regardless of their denomination or lack of religious denomination. Of particular import however is our ministry to Catholic Patients, Families, and Staff - supporting their Faith practices or being a catalyst in helping people who haven't been affiliated in a long time, come back to the Church. NACC supports us in that role and provides the support and education to perform that ministry.
303	It makes a real difference when a potential donor experiences service from an NACC person

304	The human person is so much more than material. The spirit supports the body, encourages ethical behavior and decision making which recognizes the unique part of the human in this created world. The Chaplain supports this in a way that no other discipline does.
305	Non-prpofit organization; source of education and staffing of chaoplaincy services in health centers
306	Professional chaplaincy in the Church is a great gift to God's people.
307	We are the ones who are able to meet patients and families where they are and journey with them through their ordeal, helping them to find their own source of strength while advocating for them with medical professionals.
308	There are many persons who benefit from the ministry of qualified chaplains
309	Spiritual support in hospitals is becoming more and more critical to holisic healing
310	We are with people at their most difficult times and are trained to serve them.
311	We provide spiritual support for people of all walks of life, all traditions and beliefs. We make a difference in end of life preparations.
312	Big difference in hospital careof patients and improved patient satifaction
313	Spiritual Care is an essential component of wholistic care for our patients and their families. adequate funding enables NACC to provide Chaplains with resources that enhance thier expertise. Our ministry helps our patietns nd their families to explore their deepest feelings about their goals and hopes and to plan accordingly.
314	Donors who care about holistic health care would appreciate the NACC's interest in serving the whole person. Spiritual care--which the NACC supports--is still under-funded, under-researched, and under-appreciated in American health care. The NACC can help change that.
315	We bring professional chaplaincy skills to the interdisciplinary group. We provide spiritual support to patients, families, and staff. We respond to all traumas, crises, deaths, codes,RRT's. We do spiritual assessments.
316	We are a vital professional in the healing ministry of Jesus in the Catholic church & beyond. We provide the "High touch", the heart, so badly needed in our broken world.
317	My 21 years in ministry as a hospital chaplain convinced me of the importance of our ministry -- to patients, families and hospital staff. It SADDENS me when staff of pastoral care depts. are reduced or done away with.
318	to ensure that we have trained professional chaplains into the future
319	Funding is essential to our continued ministry in all areas
320	Our ministry makes a positive difference in the support and emotional health of our patients as they accept and face their illness.
321	Foundations and potential donors should indeed care about funding the work of NACC, because the ministry NACC does is very essential to the society, NACC makes Christ present to the most vulnerable of the society. NACC continues to extend the healing ministry of Jesus Christ by responding effectively and joyfully in bringing hope and consolation to the human suffering and pain. Society cannot neglect or ignore this essential social duty to humanity.
322	The ministry of Pastoral Care embodies the essence of Catholic tradition and theology - care of the whole person, attention to those times in the lives of families where compassionate response is most needed, demonstrating leadership by creating and facilitating a culture of healing relationships which is at the heart of the vocation of the physician, the nurse, all those who attend to the suffering and pain of another.
323	Professional chaplains stand in the liminal space with persons who are experiencing significant events in their humanity, whether that be one of joy or suffering. In many cases, this act of accompanying others can be a God-with-you moment, but whether or not religious work is involved, the chaplain is a compassionate witness to the experience of life at any stage.
324	Spiritual care is vital to the well-being of persons in a variety of environments, not just health care.
325	professionalism
326	brings/enhances comfort and hope to people in distress in diverse settings
327	Our presence, our training, our listening, our prayers brings about healing body, soul and spirit.
328	Our ministry makes a difference 24 hours a day, at the bedside, in classrooms, board rooms, in offices, on the battlefield and homeless shelters and in peoples homes. We are the hands, and heart of Christ touching humanity during its most vulnerable and chaotic times. We are the love if God that extends beyond race, creed and gender. Healing happens in the midst of such love.
329	Credibility and competence

330	We are at the front lines in hospitals, nursing homes, prisons, jails, etc. where spiritual care is know to improve outcomes for people in need.
331	NACC assures our Health Care Institution that qualified Spiritual Care Professionals are certified to enhance the spiritual well-bing of patients, and lead the medical staff in providing wholistic care for patients. BCC provides orchestration for the entire team to be aware of and attentive to body, Mind and SPIRIT of each patient.
332	Our ministry make a big difference to our resident/patients. as they know they will always have someone to listen to them in their time of need.
333	Supporting chaplaincy is supporting good patient care.
334	research demosntrates the crucial improtance of spiritual care to overall well-being; the chaplains unique expertise impacts whole person health and hence population health and the cost of health care; having professional CERTIFIED chaplains (and consistent oversight) ensures quality, ethical care
335	NACC is a leader in the quality of its certification process, and ensures that the voice of the Catholic Church is represented in chaplaincy.
336	We are supportive to all--pts, family, and staff. We are regarded as caring for the wellbeing of a person and available in times of stress, tragedy, and loss.
337	It has become evident in health care that the whole person needs to be ministered to in order to heal more quickly or to deal with the illness in a healthy way. Pastoral care is vital in helping a person deal with the illness.
338	Importance of chaplaincy is an undiscovered, valued resource.
339	Our difference is that we show as a profeszional body of certifird chaplains we have the credentials to be prssebt at the tBle with others who are up ro date.
340	I find our organization worthless so I can't give you a good answer.
341	In some cases we literally save peoples lives, bringing people back from the brink of despair; we are in many cases the eyes and ears, the boots on the ground for ethical issues especially in the ICUs, we maintain the Catholic identity of the hospital.
342	Solidifies and protects our roles in different segments of society, (Hospitals,industry ...).
343	Our ministry makes a tremendous difference in many lives. In order to continue doing this, we need funding!
344	Chaplaincy is essential for holistic care of patients and it needs the support of significant partners in order to maintain appropriate standards of spiritual care
345	The work of NACC is supportive of the work of Chaplains in every area of employment, research, communication. NACC upholds the standards of practice to assure the public and those hiring Chaplains that uniform standards are met. NACC's ministry to Chaplains occurs in those, and in many other ways, ie, continuing education, certification, etc.
346	Our ministry of presence is important is whatever facility we might be chaplains on staff.
347	Women....since so many still don't know women can be chaplains in the Catholic Church
348	If I were able, I would gift the Association beyond what I have sent in this past year. It has been an expensive year for me to send the fees for Re-Certification and the fees for three chaplains for annual membership.
349	It gives validity to an important ministry in the church and world
350	We strive to offer holistic care
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352	Good spiritual care is important for the sick and well alike.
353	Expand Christ's healing ministry beyond the shrinking ranks of male ordained ministers; recognizing and empowering lay women in Roman Catholic ministry roles
354	Chaplains are willing to have conversations that doctors are uncomfortable having. Pts and families see chaplains as part of a team caring for whole person--body, mind and spurit
355	Because NACC, through its member chaplains, touches the lives of myriads of people and therefore has an impact in a wide variety of settings. We meet people where they are, which is often amidst a broken and wounded world, and through our training and skills help to heal that woundedness.
356	we are sincere
357	With several national Associations NACC is only catholic with usccb endorsement by
358	Stronger funding allows for better unification, mission objective presentations, better communications and interactive local participation programs.

359	Foundations that support Catholic activities should care if there are Catholic chaplains.
360	Pastoral ministry is recognized as a vital part of holistic healing.
361	To continue and accelerate the focus on total patient care both for the benefit of the patient and for minimizing overall cost of healthcare.
362	Research has proven how professional, board certified chaplains contribute to patient healing and satisfaction
363	Many of the chaplains are totally dedicated. They have dedicated their lives to service. As chaplains, we continue to provide spiritual and emotional support to those who may be struggling.
364	Spiritual Care with professional chaplains in a hospital setting is known to improve patient satisfaction
365	all. currently educated MDs have been taught the whole person needs to be treated to improve clinical outcomes. since spiritual care impacts that prognosis, and it is not reimbursible under insurance or governmental programs, non-profit facilities need financial assistance to guarantee it for the healing of all patients.
366	To support future spiritual care to those in need
367	Jesus, in the Gospel, challenges us to visit the sick. These visits are one of the corporal works of mercy. An untrained, well meaning minister can harm rather than help. The training and challenge of the NACC enables ministers to live the Gospel daily and Effectively
368	N/A
369	to reach out to people who are suffering; to care with God's unconditional love
370	If anyone with financial resources has benefitted from their or a loved one's spiritual support when hospitalized or dying, they should be open to appeal.
371	helping people deal with illness, aging, crisis,
372	That's what I'm wondering. I want the Journal of Pastoral Care back.
373	Chaplains can be leaders in corporate, for profit and non profit organizations in planning, human resources, ethics, community relations, public relations and many other areas.
374	Rigorous standards for certification assure excellent chaplains
375	We bring something special to the patients, staff, visitors and volunteers.....we listen
376	NACC promotes excellence and professionalism in Chaplains; it also offers opportunities for development and education
377	It is support well-provided for professional endeavors in spiritual care otherwise unfunded.
378	Advocacy
379	It is involved in providing for essential care of the whole human person.
380	For the reasons in # 1
381	Ministry to the sick and elderly is a very important part of our work
382	professional chaplains providing care based on standardized competencies enhance the research studies done that indicate the value such care contributes to a patient's compliance, healing and recovery
383	Catholic healthy care must include high quality spiritual care
384	Well qualified, board certified Catholic chaplains are essential to providing quality pastoral care to patients in hospitals, nursing homes, and hospice. Priests are not able to spend extended time with patients and families whereas chaplains are able to make extended visits at critical times for patients and families.
385	We are uniquely able to provide holistic care: body, mind and spirit - to patients, their loved ones and staff.
386	The chaplaincy ministry can actually boost patients' healing process. Hospice chaplains help patients in their last days, weeks or months to come to peace
387	As chaplains we receive testimonials from those we minister to, attesting to the difference we make for them. We are driven to carry on our mission despite the fact that we make little money and often do not receive benefits. Our faith and convictions propels us yet if donors and foundations supported us we would find additional validation for our work of love. Chaplaincy is a work of love.
388	Very helpful in communicating to the many who work, or aspire to work, in this ministry
389	Chaplains have an important role in increasingly team based health care, advocating for dignity, depth of understanding and creative responses to individual and relational concerns and needs.
390	Keeping chaplains strong, educated and supported for ministry in the places we serve.
391	It is an organization that keeps Ministry "Roman Catholic" in a growing secular society.
392	The chaplains offer the healing ministry to patients in their hour of need and assist families also.

393	ensuring we have professionally prepared and supported chaplains is imperative Catholic Healthcare
394	Our ministry brings healing wholness and comfort to people
395	We support people during the most vulnerable times in their lives, offering them compassionate presence and hope.
396	We touch the lives of myriads of individuals when they are very vulnerable and seeking meaning in their life journeys. We are present in traumatic situations and we follow up with grief support afterward. We help people come to find meaning in life by "companioning" them and helping them find answers within them.
397	We contribute healing presence to patients, outpatients, residents, incarcerated, crisis victims and official and unofficial staff.
398	NACC proides clarity in defining chaplaincy.
399	Professional oversight raises standards, adds credence and professionalism to Chaplaincy.
400	If our work was to simply verify theological competence of Catholic chaplains, then it would be worth supporting. Since so much of what NACC does is duplicitous with the other cognate groups, I don't understand why there hasn't been a move to consolidate into one national chaplain organization that would have a greater impact overall and a greater voice on the national stage.
401	The NACC does important work and empowers professional chaplains in ministry.
402	advocating for spiritual care in every hospital, advocating with bishops for fuller lay participation
403	NACC puts highly qualified and carefully evaluated chaplains into hospitals where there is great need for consistent spiritual support. NACC chaplains care for people of all faith traditions and for those who do not claim a faith tradition, providing a welcome and pastoral support to patients, families, doctors, and staff. NACC chaplains value their relationships with spiritual caregivers of other faiths and work collaboratively with ministers in the wider community, demonstrating first hand the Catholic Church's commitment to serving those who are vulnerable.
404	Members of the NACC provide ministry to the sick and most vulnerable, resources for those who struggle and suffer in the face of illness and death and facilitate spiritual healing and health across the continuum of care.
405	Universities such as George Washington University and Duke University supporting research on the connection of spirituality and health and medicine validates the work of people in spiritual/pastoral care. The NACC supports the "feet on the ground" that connect the health and well being of individuals with the sacredness of their existence.
406	We are able to touch lives in the holistic sense of the word. We address much more than the physical, but also the emotional, mental and spiritual.
407	We help people access their spiritual beliefs as a help in dealing with serious illness and death.
408	Certified chaplains allow people in distressing situations to use their spirituality to cope, no matter their religious affiliation
409	Catholic Chaplains (though not ordained clergy) respond quicker than clergy and are more trained.
410	Catholic healthcare, through its chaplains, educational offerings, committees, and leadership creates opportunities and a culture of healing for patients, families, healthcare workers and the communities it serves. Spiritual Care is an aspect of life which encompasses the mental, physical, emotional and social dimensions of life and enables healing to occur in a manner in which no other discipline can offer.
411	It allows a greater base of funding.
412	We are well-trained and held accountable to certain standards.
413	Support for the future of humane health care
414	to support the chaplaincy programs and staffing
415	Immesurable support and witness for patients, families, staff, physicians and even Hospital Administrators at times.
416	it supports Catholic identity in the Catholic health ministry, standards and certification support excellence in the profession.
417	not sure.
418	we are the heart of faith-based healthcare; positive impact on patient experience and employee engagement (cite research)

419	In my mind, there is nothing that extends beyond the realm of spirituality. Providing the avenues for supporting the work of chaplains means that those supporters are truly involved in training the best chaplains to reach out to those in spiritual needs across society.
420	spiritual healing is part of complete healing
421	Quality of life for those who choose to benefit from ministry services is the biggest difference. Have donors visit and interview residents.
422	Catholic identity in the larger spiritual care service arena.
423	If they value the compassionate care of professional spiritual care, they are welcome to invest in the education, certification and continue support of those who have been called to serve as chaplains. It's the professionalism of a board certified chaplain and CPE educator that makes the difference in the scope of ministry provided.
424	There is no measuring on the difference chaplains make in every way possible. Funding is an important part of what we do and more.
425	Providing well educated and trained men and women to extend the Catholic faith tradition in the care of souls/ persons in all levels of care
426	NACC enables ordained and lay persons to serve people with spiritual need who might otherwise be overlooked: the least of these.
427	The ultimate goal of any ministry, in addition to the salvation of souls, is to enhance the dignity of men and women.
428	Our ministry gives depth and meaning to all those we come in contact with.
429	They should care and support because at some point we all will be in the hospital and need the support and comfort of a chaplain. I have experienced where being a chaplain for a family has helped them in a situation that they felt most alone and needed someone to be there for them and the patient.
430	We help the client rediscover his/her purpose and meaning in life as self-esteem and dignity are restored.
431	It is rooted in the healing ministry of Christ.
432	It makes so much difference...it captures the lives of people
433	As we attempt to find meaning in life the chaplain is on the front lines as people struggle to find meaning in life post health issues
434	Our one on one outreach to the ill and those dying of all creeds, religions and beliefs benefits so many.
435	It keeps us all up to date on the current issues affecting pastoral care in institutions like hospitals.
436	We, as chaplains continue the healing ministry of Christ, impact health outcomes by tending to the spiritual component of the human makeup, and can improve patient satisfaction.
437	More and more healthcare facilities are recognizing the value of treating the WHOLE person. Chaplains and volunteers are important components to developing a well-rounded plan of care for the whole person.
438	Our ministry deals with people facing intimate and life-changing experiences for which there is no pill that can offer a solution or relieve from the pain of it all. We are a people-oriented profession that cannot be replaced by a robot, computer, or a service animal. And the society we live in today demands the attention of the human touch.
439	For me, I believe it is an important way to legitimize a very important lay ministry
440	Ongoing professionalization of Spiritual Care for ability to work more effectively with interdisciplinary healthcare teams in a rapidly changing healthcare environment.
441	Catholic identity, culture, values in a generic world
442	We bring hope, compassion and peace to the lives of those in our care, their families and to institutions.
443	That is a good question? The ministry 'person to person' is deeply appreciated however, as a professional organization there is not 'public way' to advertise it. Being a minister for 40 yrs, I am confident that the outreach is important and looked at - being a Catholic Chaplain - as valuable.
444	Catholic Chaplains make a difference! Our Rituals, beliefs, Sacramental care, and worship are extremely important, especially in my hospital ministry.
445	Raises the bar for qualified chaplaincy job applicants
446	NACC supports my ministry as a lay Catholic Chaplain better than other certifying organization.

447	The proportion of patients requesting spiritual care from Catholic chaplains are significantly higher than the rest of the population. Where I work, requests for Catholic spiritual care makes up nearly 3/4 of the total number of requests.. Without NACC to provide appropriate resources to support the ministry, a significant part of the population would be unserved or underserved by professionally trained Catholic Chaplains.
448	Whenever someone is sick, it is their BODY, MIND AND SPIRIT that are effected. The Chaplain assists in both the MIND AND SPIRIT. I have found 99% of the people have been very open to a person of prayer to visit and support.
449	The ministry of chaplains makes a difference to patients and staff in institutions. In spite of efforts to do research it is difficult to quantify the benefit of our work. Unless donors have had contact with a chaplain in a time of crisis I believe it it extremely difficult to make foundations or donors "care about funding the work of NACC." I believe that our failure to align with APC while still retaining our Catholic identity is a huge drawback that inhibits the growth of NACC>
450	I believe in NACC and strongly support the preparation and CPE for chaplaincy..
451	Chaplain ministry has been proven to shorten the length of stay for patients; provide needed support for their families, as well as religious materials for patients/ families & staff.
452	Funding the work of NACC ensures that chaplains will be able to continue providing quality care to all persons they encounter.
453	Having a Catholic organization like NACC is a great gift of God and I would earnestly beg to all donor to help NACC
454	We bring hope and calm to difficult situations... through our presence and support
455	I am unable to respond to that question
456	Hospital chaplaincy is an effective way to promote interfaith relationships and understanding.
457	I think our ministry is especially important now that some states are legalizing assisted suicide. Following the Ethical and Religious Directive for Catholic healthcare is very important to me and many others.
458	It continues the healing ministry of Jesus through educated, certified chaplains.
459	We stand out among chaplaincy organizations as explicitly Catholic; Catholic Chaplains reach a significant population which can often be overlooked
460	Qualified competent professional that is a partner to health are team and the only member of the healthcare team that specifically qualified to address spiritual assessment and outcome that benefit the patient and family.
461	Help develop and expand Chaplaincy
462	Potential donors can know with confidence that a Catholic board certified chaplain has skills, the mission, the call and the spiritual/theological training for chaplain ministry.
463	It brings the chaplain ministry to a very high level.
464	NACC Chaplains offer holistic emotional and spiritual support to patients and families members when there is a crisis of illness of injury. We prepare the dying and their families for their final days of life and help them understand the healthcare decisions being made on behalf of the patient. We interpret this care for the patient/family in a way that engages understanding and upholds the dignity of the patient. Often, Chaplains assist patients and families with important Advance Care Planning that helps direct a patient's plan of care at critical junctures. This helps to assure that the patient recieves only that care which they have specified they would want, helping to keep overall costs down and honor patient's wishes.
465	NACC is the national professional organization which guides and set common standards for education and competencies for Catholic Chaplains who serve in Catholic hospitals and healthcare facilities throughtout the US and beyond.
466	Chaplains continue the healing ministry of Jesus and witness how Catholic ministry continues to make a real difference in the facilities and communities where we serve. I suggest telling some real stories here of how our chaplains make a difference.
467	Personally, I think the Church should be a funding partner and there should be a connection made between this gift as "mercy healer" and pastoral ministry on behalf of the church. When I worked as a chaplain at an assisted living for a year, I saw the difficulty of being a paid staff by the administration and not an extension of the church. In my situation the owners lack of knowledge regarding spiritual care giving became an issue. They wanted to lead what they did not know. The church knows and should be the one doing the leading.

468	In order for chaplains to be able to work outside foundations need to endow us so hospitals are not cutting our positions due to lack of funding!
469	Chaplaincy provides a light for those who struggle with their life crisis. We do not provide answers, we listen and encourage others to find their answers. We may offer options that they may not have thought of yet we are not there to preach or judge. When an individual sorts out their life issues they will act upon it and feel good about it. Being told what to do my take less time for the professional but will not help the "patient".
470	Calming listening presence in times of crisis, chaos, suffering brings about healing, mercy, and reuniting with community
471	Gives spiritual support to those in crisis and transition.
472	Involving God in choices
473	NACC brings together priests, religious and lay people who have demonstrated competence in the area of chaplaincy to minister in a variety of settings to allow those served to tap into their spirituality to help them face their given reality.
474	To support will help continue the important ministry of caring for patients and their families when they most need spiritual support.
475	All chaplains, I think provide a crucial element for so many areas of life, hospital ministry for sure, but my work is in social ministry, and providing support to those who experience homelessness. I also provide spiritual care to a parish. The training and certification process have been so helpful in my work. I think the church ought to support this more directly, especially with the shortage of clergy we are experiencing.
476	High standards, regular notifications of materials and educational resources and always thoughtful reflections based on the liturgical season from David L.
477	We need this organization to validate and support our ministries
478	Ensures standards of excellence for professional Catholic chaplains who are essential for the provision of holistic care.
479	professionally educated and vetted with an outstanding understanding of pastoral care
480	It provides a voice for the Church's mission and teaching which many people do not clearly understand.
481	Our ministry is a powerful addition to hospital staff. Often this Ned's to be pitched to hospital groups.
482	Our ministry is in the news in regard to living fulfilling lives/spirituality, its a multifaith approach that is so beneficial
483	I had already made my membership fee for 2016-17, and a special financial assistance as well
484	We need resources to continue our ministry. Our ministry brings hope, joy, strengthens ones faith in God and empowers individuals in their faith journey.
485	Our organization maintains a level of excellence that could not be attained without strict standards. Chaplaincy would sink back into a dumping ground for those who have problems functioning in other ministries.
486	There is evidence that spiritual care has a huge impact on the healing process. Keeping people well has significant implications on the broader society.
487	We provide a level of professionalism that protects patients, residents, families, and staff. We give "Catholic" credibility as our ministry is ethically and theologically grounded to serve the poor and vulnerable.
488	NACC brings light into the world! It cultivates and nurtures ministers of that Light. AND the world needs as much light as it can get.
489	It is meaningful for us and the relationships with our patients