

EMPATHIC PASTORAL CARE SOLUTIONS

A Bold Pastoral Care Initiative

BIBLICAL MANDATE

*"I was sick
and you visited me."
(Matthew 25:36)*

A PARTNERSHIP FOR MINISTRY

ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON



CATHOLIC HEALTH INITIATIVES



ASSESSMENT

ARCHDIOCESE PROFILE

10 Counties, 8,800 square miles

1.77 million Catholics

133 Resident Priests & 146 Parishes

HOSPITAL SURVEY

HARRIS COUNTY – 84 Hospitals
(includes Houston)

METRO HOUSTON – Scores More

PASTORAL NEEDS

Catholic Chaplain Corps (CCC)
Serving Houston and Beyond

HOWEVER

Fewer Priests Now Available !!

PASTORAL NEEDS

Large Catholic Population
18% to 25% hospital patients

Isolation from Supportive Community

Increased Medical Costs

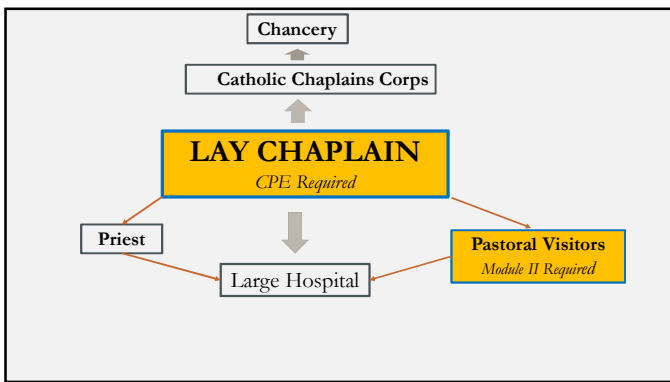
PASTORAL BENEFITS

Positive Impact of Religion on Health

Strengthened Ministry

Expanded Ministry

IMPLEMENTATION
Large Hospitals



LAY CHAPLAIN
Professionally trained
Office space within Chaplain's suite
Lay Chaplains in three hospitals

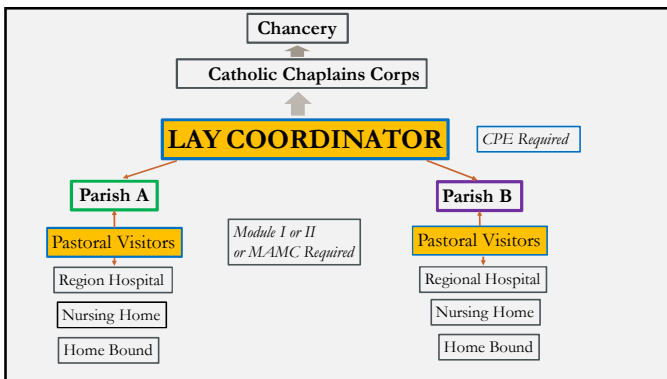
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JOB DESCRIPTION

Face of Church – Crisis Situations
Identify Catholic Patients
Triage Catholic Referrals – Priest
Coordinate Pastoral Visitor's Ministry
Follow-up Visits
Collegial Relationships

IMPLEMENTATION

Regional Hospitals,
Nursing Homes, Home-Bound



LAY COORDINATOR

JOB DESCRIPTION

Administrative, funding partnership – parishes
Relationships – institutional representatives
Relationships & coordination – parish leaders
Recruiting, training, sustaining Pastoral Visitors
