As Catholics we desire to serve Christ, who teaches that “whatever you do for these the least of my brethren, so also you do for me” (Mt. 28:40). The Office of Chaplaincy Programs offers training and support for parishes to form, commission, and send disciples in mission to provide evangelizing pastoral care within the communities of the Archdiocese of Boston.

**Health Care Ministry**
This ministry provides support for the clergy, religious, and lay chaplains at hospitals throughout the Archdiocese of Boston. The core of the Hospital chaplain's ministry is being a compassionate; pastoral presence to those who are suffering, as well as to those who serve as caregivers, such as family and staff. The office also works closely with the parish/collaboratives providing information on outreach to the sick and housebound and the Sacrament of the Sick.

**Prison Ministry**
Prison ministry supports the clergy, religious, and lay chaplains in the correctional system throughout the Archdiocese of Boston. Incarcerated catholics find peace and hope through the loving ministry of chaplains and dedicated volunteers providing services such as Mass, communion services, bible study, prayer groups, pastoral visits, reading materials, etc. inside the correctional facilities. Prison ministry also provides reentry support for returning citizens.

**University/Campus Ministry**
Evangelization, liturgy, community service, and friendships are all building blocks in creating a solid relationship with Jesus christ and His Church. Campus ministry shares these gifts abundantly with college students across the Archdiocese of Boston so that they may grow in discipleship and have a solid Catholic faith that will be contagious to all they encounter.

**Faith Community Nursing**
Faith Community Nurses working closely with health care ministry to reach out to those in the parish/collaborative who are in need. They provide training and support in many areas of health care by placing the dignity of the person, from conception to natural death, as the bedrock of their ministry.

**Bereavement Ministry**
Death and loss accompanies humanity in many forms throughout the lifespan. By reflecting on new life through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, Bereavement Ministry offers training and support to those who offer support and companionship to those who grieve.
Workshops and Website Resources

The trainings listed below offer a review of communication skills, the basics of pastoral visitation, key illness issues, spiritual needs and concerns, grief, loss and dying, and

Pastoral Care to the Sick and the Homebound Workshop
A basic twelve hour, six week workshop, "Pastoral Care to the Sick and Homebound" is offered several times each year in various locations in the diocese. It will also be scheduled for any cluster or group of parishes upon request. Topics presented in the workshop include: the art of pastoral visitation; end of illness issues; spiritual assessment; grief and loss; suffering and faith; death and dying; ritual and pastoral ministry; theology of pastoral care; caregiving issues; and boundaries.

QPR Suicide Prevention Workshop
QPR stands for Question, Persuade and Refer- the three steps anyone can learn to help prevent suicide. Just like CPR, QPR is an emergency response to someone in crisis and can save lives. This workshop educates and supports individuals in this three-step process in order to help prevent suicide and minister to those who have been affected by it.

Ethical Decision Making Workshop
The Office of Chaplaincy Programs maintains knowledge and support for those facing modern challenges in health care. Through technology, the medical field often proposes new and advanced standards. Chaplaincy Programs views these standards in light of our Roman Catholic faith and are here to support and to define situations that may be ethically challenging and/or may involve interdisciplinary care teams.

End of Life issues Workshop
Hydration and ventilation can be stressful questions when pertaining to a loved one’s health care. Many times there are various questions concerning health care treatment and if they are acceptable to our Catholic faith. The Office of Chaplaincy Programs supports and educates those seeking such answers that may seem overwhelming and difficult to make.

Compassion Fatigue Workshop
Caregivers often combat compassion fatigue and chronic stress from constantly providing care to others without providing themselves with self-care. Our office supports caregivers and educates them on the importance of maintaining their own spiritual, physical and mental health.

Bereavement Workshop
The Office of Chaplaincy Programs supports Bereavement Ministries and Ministries of Presence by providing resources on grief support and workshops on such topics as suicide; children and loss; funeral liturgies; and creating bereavement support groups.

For more information on workshops offered by the Office of Chaplaincy ministry, please visit our website www.bostoncatholic.org/ChaplaincyPrograms.

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