



Canadian Association for Parish Nursing Ministry

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Dear

On behalf of the Canadian Association for Parish Nursing Ministry (CAPNM), I am contacting you with regard to our aim of raising the awareness of parish nursing and increasing the visibility and membership of our organization among those other than nurses. To work effectively, churches involved in this work need the support of their clergy. With this in mind we would like to have the opportunity to tell your students - our future pastors – about this important ministry.

Parish Nurses, employed by faith communities of various denominations across our country and a number of others, carry out a “Body, Mind and Spirit” ministry. Although parish nursing has been practiced since the 1980’s, there are still many people, even among church circles, who are unfamiliar with the concept. Congregations who have a parish nurse truly value her expertise and worth, even although some parishioners, in the beginning, did not fully understand the role and felt that the salary money could be spent in other ways. When many of those people have had the opportunity to see first hand, the advantages of having a parish nurse in their midst, they are often the greatest advocates of parish nursing.

The attached copy of the CAPNM Parish Nurse Fact Sheet was compiled by our Education Committee. This explains exactly what a parish nurse is; the criteria and the role. Please visit our website www.capnm.ca to learn more about Parish Nursing, as well as our organization. At your request we can provide you with some of our informative literature and we would welcome the invitation for one of our parish nurses to address some of your student body, when she could describe her own experiences, as well as answer questions more fully.

We hope you will give this idea prayerful thought. The endorsement of Parish Nursing Ministry by those in Ordained Ministry is very important.

Thank you for your consideration, and Frances Hudson, our CAPNM Coordinator, looks forward to hearing from you.

Blessings to you, your colleagues and students,

JudyJohnson, RN
Chair, Membership and Visibility Committee