

PROGRAM AT-A-GLANCE

PASTORAL CARE TRAINING FOR LAITY

A Distinctly Catholic Program for Parish Ministry

Learn how to offer a caring parish presence and bring the Church's liturgical, sacramental, and Eucharistic True Presence to those who are isolated, ill, or unable to attend Mass.

 DATES	 LOCATION	 FORMAT	 FEE
November 13, 14 & 21, 2026	Holy Redeemer Parish 44 Rothestay Dr, Kanata	Friday evening + two Saturdays	\$150 · Lunches & materials included

Ideal for: Pastoral care visitors and leads, parish volunteers and EMHC discerning ministry for the homebound. No experience required — participants are guided step by step through real pastoral-care situations.

FEATURED SESSIONS

NOV 13 FRI 7–9 PM	PASTORAL CARE: A CATHOLIC MODEL Understand the Church's mission, the parish's pastoral roles, the Catholic approach, the scope of ministry with seniors, families, and vulnerable persons, the risks involved and steps for abuse prevention.
NOV 14 SAT 9 AM–4 PM	SERVING THE VULNERABLE / ALL ABOUT THE VISITS Morning: Safe-ministry key messages and protocols, essential skills & boundaries in positions of trust, confidentiality, and how, when, where and what to report. Afternoon: Reflection on the Church's liturgical, sacramental, and prayer life to share with the homebound; steps to consider before, during and after visits; active and sacred listening skills, ways of adapting visits for vulnerable persons, those with dementia, the frail, the dying, or the unresponsive.
NOV 21 SAT 9 AM–4 PM	THE EUCHARIST / GETTING STARTED Morning: Deepen your understanding of the Real Presence; clarify EMHC roles and responsibilities when serving offsite; apply approved norms for collecting, transporting and bringing Holy Communion reverently, dealing with mishaps, and aftercare of pyx and linens. Afternoon: End-of-life accompaniment, review of key messages, and ministry tools, templates and launch steps to strengthen parish care.

Led by Michèle Clermont: pastoral care volunteer at Divine Infant Parish, who built the curriculum on Catholic teaching, Scripture and years of parish ministry. Guest speakers also present.

Participants leave with: practical visit tools, confidence to pray, listen and share the parish's sacramental and prayer life, reverently offer Communion, safe-ministry awareness, and templates to support parish ministry.

Come be formed, equipped and encouraged.

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