

Office of Diocesan Pastoral Outreach
Hospital and HomeCare Ministries
Roman Catholic Diocese of Boise

Volunteer Chaplains provide emotional and spiritual support for people in their pain, loss, and anxiety, as well as their triumphs and joys. They are not a counselor or teacher but an *accompanier*. Essential qualities for these volunteers are a genuine caring spirit for the other person, trustworthiness and an interest to learn.

The Diocese of Boise is developing a comprehensive training to help volunteer chaplains operating within parish outreach ministries to become more skilled in empathic listening and increase your knowledge about pastoral care. Skills benefit those who serve in pastoral care or outreach ministry: those who bring Holy Communion to the sick and elderly; volunteers in hospitals, nursing homes or outreach centers; those who visit the homebound or imprisoned; and more. With enhanced skills, your enjoyment of ministry will increase as your care becomes more effective.

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