

Note to parish staff: although the deadline for registration is September 17th, the Diocese of Victoria might be able to accommodate later registrants. Lists of registered parishioners must be sent to Moira King immediately for those who want to participate.

Parish bulletin ad: Online Pastoral Care Outreach Training offered by the Diocese of Victoria

The Pastoral Care Outreach Training series will again be offered online this fall. Nine free sessions will be held via Zoom on Saturday mornings from 9:30 – noon, starting on September 25 and running until November 27, 2021 (with a break on October 9 for Thanksgiving).

Consider these questions: Can I really have an effect on someone's health with just a visit? What is meant by the Ministry of Presence? How can I encourage people to talk and share their stories? Whether you are a member of your parish Pastoral Care Team or an Extraordinary Minister of Communion, a member of the Knights of Columbus, CWL or St. Vincent de Paul, a caregiver to a family member, or someone who is considering adding these skills and would like to get involved, this training program is important. It will show why those who visit the sick are unique and how they can offer to be the hands and face of Christ to others. Bishop Bittman supports this program as it is crucial to have parishioners trained for this ministry to the sick and vulnerable.

Participants will require a phone number and email address, a computer, tablet or smartphone with speakers, microphone and webcam, and a reliable internet connection. **To register, please email moiraking@shaw.ca** and note you are from the Diocese of Nelson.

Another course will be offered January 29-March 26, 2022.