

On-Call Hospital Chaplaincy

Policy No. 413

- Policy Statement:** All priests will assist with on-call hospital chaplaincy in their respective deaneries.
- Intent of Policy:** To provide hospitalized Catholics with the sacraments and pastoral care in a timely manner.
- Definition:** On-call hospital chaplaincy is a response to a particular need of the faithful while hospitalized, i.e. Anointing of the Sick, Reconciliation, *Viaticum*, and pastoral or spiritual counsel.
- On-call hospital chaplaincy may be scheduled or unscheduled.
- On-call hospital chaplaincy includes acute care hospitals, community care centres, auxiliary hospitals and nursing homes.
- Procedure:** Each deanery is to coordinate an on-call schedule with the priests of their deanery.
- Exceptions:**
- a) The University Hospital on-call schedule is coordinated from the Office of Pastoral Care.
 - b) Priests who are disabled or elderly may be excused from on-call hospital chaplaincy with the permission of the Archbishop.
- Refer to Policy:** No. 403 Emergency Contact
- Refer to Appendix:** 413A Infection Control Practices for Hospital Chaplaincy