

COMPASSION IN ACTION:
THE PASTORAL
COMPANIONS MINISTRY

SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2026

WHAT IS THE PASTORAL COMPANIONS MINISTRY?

Volunteer ministry of trained lay parishioners

**Provides care, support and companionship to fellow
parishioners and their loved ones**

**Offers a compassionate, Christ-centered presence rooted in
listening, prayer and relationship**

SUPPORT OFFERED

Companions walk alongside members of our parish family during life's difficulties, including

Serious illness

Family illness

Personal or family crises

Job loss

Challenges of caregiving

All support is offered confidentially.

SUPPORT OFFERED

Companions can provide short or longer-term support through

- Home, hospital or care facility visits**
- Regular meetings**
- Phone or video visits**
- Text check-ins**
- Eucharistic visits & prayer support**
- Help in referrals to community resources & other parish ministries**
- Extension of our clergy's role in providing individual pastoral care. All care is supervised by clergy.**

SUPPORT OFFERED

We focus on empathetic listening, prayer, emotional support and the sharing of Christ's love. We don't want anyone in our parish family to face difficult times alone.

We don't problem-solve or provide therapy or medical support.

We CAN help you connect with practical help and resources in our community and parish.

We have been trained in Stephen Ministry skills, but are a more flexible model providing both short and longer term support.

THE PASTORAL COMPANION TEAM

Rev. Melissa Fauci, Clergy Leader

Susan McGuire, Lay Leader

Linda Murray, Lay leader

Kim Brailey

Winifred Conkling

Lolly Mixter

Andy Pettigrew

Carl Riedy

Sue Sottile

Anna Wallich

CONNECTING WITH A PASTORAL COMPANION

Contact clergy or a team Lay Leader to get started, or
email pastoralcare@holyccomforter.com

The team will get in
touch and match you
with a Companion if
appropriate

Matches are
approved by both
Companion and
care receiver

Supervising clergy
are assigned to
each Companion
pair



OTHER PASTORAL CARE MINISTRIES

Bread and Jam Ministry

Eucharistic Visitors

Funerals and Grief Support

Gestalt Soul Care (GCC)

Grief Support Group (summer 2026)

Healing Prayer Team

Listening Hearts

Meal Trains

Medical Lending Closet (a ministry of Senior Saints)

Prayer List

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Contact pastoralcare@holysanctuary.com for more information on any of these ministries.

NEW MINISTRY: HELPING HANDS

COMING SOON!

This new ministry will be made up of volunteers available to help with one-time, limited tasks, such as light household assistance, emergency child care or providing rides to medical appointments.

**If you need a hand or can lend a hand, contact
helpinghands@holycomforter.com**



QUESTIONS?

THANK YOU!

For more information, contact Rev. Melissa or any
Pastoral Companion, or email
pastoralcare@holyccomforter.com