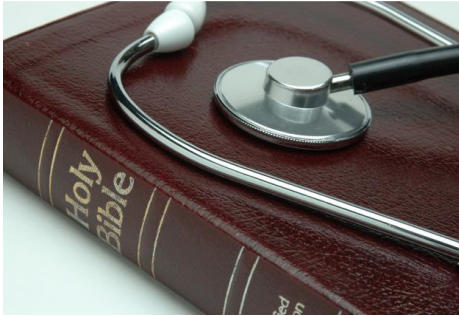


What is a Parish Nurse?

A Parish Nurse is a Registered Nurse with specialized education who is called to ministry and affirmed by a Faith Community to promote health, healing and wholeness among its members.



- Is a Registered Nurse who in response to God's calling applies nursing knowledge and healing gifts with a Faith Community
- Has undertaken additional education in Parish Nursing for this specialized role
- Maintains registration and license to practice in the appropriate Jurisdiction(s)
- Maintains other professional memberships and professional network relationships

The Role of the Parish Nurse

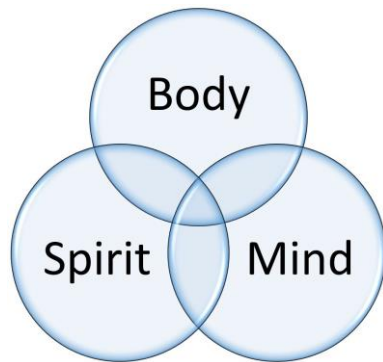
The role of a Parish Nurse is to promote the integration of **faith** and **health** in a variety of ways that reflect the context of the Faith Community.



Specific examples include:

- Health advocacy
- Health counselling
- Health education
- Resource Referral

Parish Nurses provide Primary Health Care by:



- Assessing health through a **wholistic** perspective, including the context of family and community services.
- Strengthening the faith Community's response to health,
- safety and the social principle of health.
- Assessing, monitoring and making recommendations in chronic disease management
- Making referrals to appropriate health system resources
- Facilitating social networks and community support for those experiencing illness, loss or disability
- Instilling hope and enhancing coping skills through spiritual strengths and resources

As per The Canadian Association for Parish Nursing Ministry (CAPNM)