## **Pastoral Mission**

We seek to nurture the awareness of God's healing presence within the person by offering guidance and care through relationships, images, prayer, singing, ritual, liturgical celebrations and the reception of sacraments.

We help people deal with the big questions in life in areas such as meaning, hope, trust, purpose, or making sense of things during times of crisis or transition.

"Love your neighbor as yourself." - Galatians 5:14





"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink..... I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me."

Then the king will answer,

"I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." - *Matthew 25:35-36, 40* 



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# PASTORAL & SPIRITUAL CARE



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### **Pastoral & Spiritual Care**

Our department is an essential component of the holistic approach St. Michael's has adopted for its residents, staff and support community. By providing a pastoral presence, unconditional love and support, as well as worship services, which reflect the diverse religious backgrounds of the residents, we seek to minister to the extended St. Michael's community with love, compassion and dignity.

"Love always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails." - 1 Corinthians 13:7-8a



#### Services

We are sensitive to the diverse expressions of faith and spirituality represented at St. Michael's. We seek to provide spiritual support in ways that are meaningful and life-giving to all residents. We encourage and help facilitate strong connections between the various faith communities and our residents as well as promote communication with religious leaders regarding the spiritual needs within this close knit community.

We offer:

- One-on-one visitations
- Pastoral presence
- Prayer, scripture reading and spiritual music and song
- Worship services including: Ukrainian Catholic, Ukrainian Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Anglican, Baptist and Ecumenical
- Hymn sings and other specialized programs
- Spiritual care at end of life
- Grief and bereavement counselling
- Accommodations for other beliefs



#### Volunteers

We have many opportunities for caring and compassionate volunteers to share their gifts to help enrich the lives of the residents of St. Michael's. We provide a warm, friendly, supportive environment where you can make a difference. Volunteers help to porter residents to worship services and specialized programs, offer company and time, to enhance the quality of life of our residents.

*If you have interest in becoming a volunteer please contact our volunteer services department at 780-473-4534, or email skadziela@smhg.ca*