



Hospital Visits / Emergencies

When a parishioner or loved one finds themselves in an emergency situation or being hospitalized in any of the Fargo hospitals, there is a process in place when desiring the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. Any time someone is having an unexpected surgery, hospitalization, or being admitted into the emergency room in any Fargo hospital, please follow the procedure outlined:

- 1) In the event of an immediate emergency, the patient, relative, loved one or friend should ask the hospital/emergency staff to page the on-call Chaplain to then page the priest that is on-call, to minister to the patient. Fargo/West Fargo parishes participate on a rotating basis to provide on-call ministry to out of town emergency patients.
- 2) **Do not** attempt to contact individual churches/parishes in Fargo in an emergency, particularly after hours, as messages left on an answering machine may not be heard for many hours, and each priest has other obligations in their own parishes, and are involved in other work.

After requesting the on-call priest, when time permits, please follow up and inform Fr. Casey that the parishioner has been hospitalized. Please call the rectory in Hillsboro @ 701-636-4541. **If possible, whenever planning a surgery or in other medical situations, it is always best to try to schedule receiving anointing in advance.**