

## Commissioning of Parish Health Minister

### Church of St. Joseph, St. Joseph, Minnesota

S. Joyce: Presentation of Parish Nurse to be commissioned/blessed:

#### **Marjorie Henkemeyer**

Presider: You have responded to God's call to use your gifts to serve others in parish Health and Wellness Ministry. You have come forth from this community of faith and are supported in this ministry by your parish leaders.

Are you willing to be a listening, supportive presence with those to whom you are called to serve as a Parish Health Minister?

Marjorie: I am.

Presider: Do you promise to continue to deepen your understanding of your ministry through regular participation in continuing education and reflection on your health and wellness ministry?

Marjorie: I do.

Presider: Do you promise to keep confidentiality?

Marjorie: I do.

Presider: Do you acknowledge your own need to be ministered to and to recognize and value the experience of being brought closer to God's presence through the life stories of the people you serve?

Marjorie: I do.

Presider: Do you desire to be a Health Minister who ministers in the name of the Church of St. Joseph?

Marjorie: I do.

Presider: **{To the assembly}**

**As members of this faith community, will you support Marjorie by your words of encouragement and prayer? If so, please respond, “we will.”**

Assembly: We will

### **Commissioning of Health Minister:**

Presider: **In the name of the Church of St. Joseph, we commission you, Marjorie, to minister in our midst, as a Health Minister, offering compassion, support, resources, education, and prayer. May you and those you visit and serve be nourished by God’s presence as you share in their journey and respond to their expressed needs.**

Blessings by Presider:

**Let us pray:**

**Loving and compassionate God, continue to bless Marjorie Henkemeyer as she begins her ministry as a Health and Wellness minister and brings a caring and listening presence as she ministers in the name of the Church of St. Joseph. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ who lives with us forever and ever. Amen.**

Presider: **I now invite the entire community to join in singing # 1228 in Sacred Song**  
*(allow time for assembly to find the page)*

**“Please raise your hands in blessing for our Health Minister as we sing”.**

Presider: *Invite applause and then invite Marjorie to return to her seat.*

