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CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN CORPS

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Director's Corner

What a great privilege it has been to serve as your director. As we approach Thanksgiving, we enter a season of gratitude, a time to reflect on the blessings in our lives.

I am deeply grateful to our wonderful CCC team, who have given their very best to extend this ministry to our hospital community. I am truly thankful for the dedication, and compassion that each of our Pastoral Visitors brings as well as for all who have supported and encouraged us on this journey.

I thank God for the gift of being able to carry forward His Christ-centered mission and share it with all of you. What a privilege! Onward!

Romani Perera



Announcement: Rev. Ted Smith Retires! Thank you, Rev. Ted for your many years of dedication in teaching our Pastoral Visitors Foundation Course. Your commitment has been invaluable, and the knowledge and compassion you've shared continue to inspire and guide us all. We are deeply grateful for your service. Wishing you all the best in your retirement and will miss you!

*Thank
you* ❤️

**GIVING
TUESDAY**

It is because of your generosity that our ministry has been able to do so many beautiful things over the years. Thank you for continually responding to the call to give your time, talent, and treasure.

This year, Giving Tuesday is on Dec. 3. Mark your calendar and watch for more information about this special giving opportunity. Please consider supporting our ministry by making a donation.

Thank you for your support!

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THE CHAT ROOM

Congratulations to all!

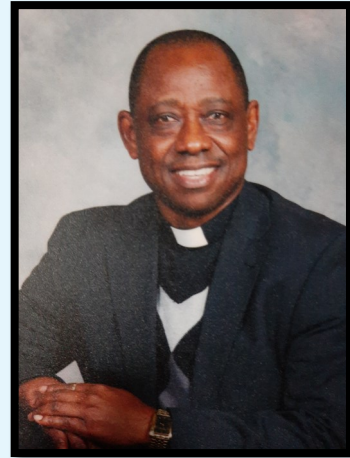
I am delighted to announce that we recently received the prestigious **2024 Angel Award** from M.D. Anderson.

This is an annual award given to worthy recipients/organizations in honor of Sister Alice Potts. The Sister Alice Potts Endowed Lecture Series in Pastoral Education was established by an anonymous donor as a fitting tribute to Sister Alice Potts, who served MD Anderson patients for nearly 30 years.



Happy 25th Anniversary

Fr. Ernest Emeodi



Texas Children's Hospital The Woodlands Campus

Thank you so much for the kind donation of the prayer kneeler for the Chapel at TCH The Woodlands. I am grateful for your continued support of patients, family and staff on our campus.

I believe this place to kneel will give so many a place to find grounding and connection with God. It is a joy to serve in ministry with you!

Chaplain Kerri Bigler, MDiv
Spiritual Care



Congratulations!

Amanda Quiroz

She graduated in May 2024 Masters in Pastoral Studies from St. Thomas/St. Mary's Seminary



MEET OUR STAFF



Fr. Miles Eduardo Useche Julia

Fr. Miles started studying engineering at “Universidad Experimental de Guayana” in Upata, Venezuela. He received his calling to ministry and became seminarian at the “Hermandad de Sacerdotes Operarios Diocesanos” in the capital city of Caracas. Pursued studies in philosophy at “Instituto de Teologia para Religiosos”, and Theology, at the Universidad Catolica Santa Rosa, both in Caracas.

Fr. Miles was ordained as a priest on May 24th, 2008. He was formerly Pastor Of ST. Theresa of Avila Catholic Church / Diocese of Ciudad Guayana, Puerto Ordaz, Venezuela 2011-2024. He started his CCC ministry at LBJ on August 26, 2024.

Fr. Renni Ariplackal

Fr. Renni comes to us with a wealth of experience, is deeply committed to serving others and is excited to join the CCC team. He belongs to Archdiocese of Thalasserry, Kerala, India. He was ordained to the Priesthood in 2001.

He received his PhD in Psychology, from Christ University, Bangalore, India. He worked as a Clinical-Counselling Psychologist and has over 22 years of pastoral ministry experience and 10 years of clinical counselling, pastoral, and teaching experience in his field.

His background in spiritual guidance and dedication to supporting those in need make him a great asset to our ministry. He started his ministry at the Conroe/ Woodlands area hospitals on Monday, October 14th, 2024.



We Our **Pastoral Visitors**

This year's 2024 Annual Commissioning and Recommissioning Ceremony



The ceremony marked a significant milestone, as 68 Pastoral Visitors who completed our Foundation Class were commissioned to serve. This group, with its diverse backgrounds and shared commitment, represents the spirit and strength of our CCC mission. Each member received a commissioning certificate, symbolizing their dedication to providing emotional and spiritual care support to the patients, families and staff. The chapel was filled with warmth and reverence as family, friends, and CCC team members gathered to witness this important occasion.

Fr. Clark's homily offered a profound reflection "spoke about the mystery of suffering and how, even though we may not fully understand it, suffering can deepen our empathy, strengthen our faith, and bring us closer to God when we realize that He shares in our suffering."



He reminded us that even in the hardest moments, we are never alone; God's love and grace are with us, helping us find meaning and purpose amid life's challenges.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to

- St. Vincent de Paul
- CCC Team and
- Our Sponsor Mr. & Mrs. Brock for sponsoring this year's Annual Commissioning Ceremony a memorable and blessed celebration.

As we continue to grow and expand our ministry, this commissioning reaffirms our collective mission and strengthens our resolve to serve those in need with compassion and love.

Event Photos

October 26, 2024



Education Corner 2025

Become a Lay Pastoral Visitor

Course Time and Locations:

Two Locations:

Tuesdays, 10 am– 1pm at

Prince of Peace

19222 Tomball Parkway

Houston, TX 77070

Thursdays, 10 am— 1 pm

St. Dominic Village in the Texas

Med Center

2403 Holcomb Blvd, Houston TX 77021

For information on registration for our
next training course

Contact us at: 713-747-8445

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ME!」»



May this season fill your hearts with warmth



*Upcoming
Events:*

Enrichment Seminars

via zoom

Date: *January 7, 2025*

What: *Theology & Spirituality
in a hospital setting*

Time *10:00 a.m.*

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via zoom

Date: *February 12, 2025*

What: *How to give care for
Trauma Patients*

Time *10:00 a.m.*

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In Person Retreat

Date: *March 7, 2025*

Where: *Villa De Matel*

What *Pastoral Visitors Lenten
Retreat*

Time *9:00 am - 3:00 pm*

Stay tuned for more information to follow