

Prayer Network Ministry

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Sally and I took over the Prayer Network from Mary Ann Malitz in 2003. At that time there were about eight (8) people on the Prayer Network team. Today there are eighteen (18) team members. The team members are parishioners who feel led to pray for those in need, whether it be physical, emotional, financial, and marital.

Requests for prayer come to us from Fr. Andy, Holy Family office, e-mail and phone calls, prayer team members, etc. When someone is to be placed on the network we ask for the prayer intention, a contact person, phone number or e-mail so we can contact the requester if we have not heard from them after a period of time. We do ask that we be kept informed of the situation we are asked to pray about but that does not always happen. Team members are asked to keep all prayer requests confidential.

The team members are asked to offer prayers as soon as they receive an e-mail about a situation that needs prayer. Sometime during the day those on the prayer team need to pray for everyone on the prayer network list collectively or individually as the Spirit leads. An example of how one can pray would be to pray The Divine Mercy Chaplet daily for those on the Prayer Network plus any prayers one feels led to pray throughout the day.

We maintain a spreadsheet database of all prayer requests and we try to review all of the requests quarterly. At the present time we have around 135 people on the network. Since 2003 we have had about 2,185 requests for prayer.

It is a blessing (and also helps build our faith) when we receive feedback from someone we prayed for letting us know that God had indeed heard and answered our prayers. This has occurred a number of times for which we are grateful and thankful.

The Prayer Network is part of the all-embracing group of ministries at Holy Family that make Holy Family a welcoming and loving community. We all have gifts to be used for the building up of the Body of Christ here in Davidsonville. We pray that the prayer ministry is doing our part as members of His body.

