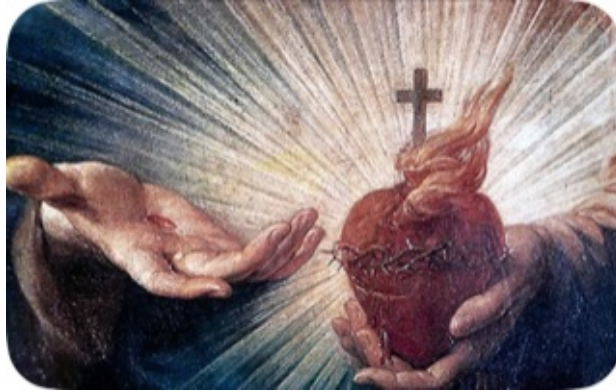


# CURATIO APOSTOLATE

## of Catholic Healthcare Workers

*"Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses."*

*(Evangelii Nuntiandi Para.41 Pope Paul VI)*



## Curatio Newsletter

March 2025

*"Healing from the Heart of Christ"*

*Curatio's Mission is to strengthen the faith of all Catholic Healthcare Professionals so that, animated from the Heart of Christ and growing in holiness, we are equipped to reclaim our sacred vocation of caring, witnessing with zeal to the Gospel of Life.*

*St. Gianna Beretta Molla, patron saint of Curatio, intercede for us!*

*Feature Article March 2025*

### **Adoring Amid the Mess**

*Sr. Diana Marie Andrews, O.P.*

Nursing is often messy. Patient care is sometimes very messy—and in so many different ways. Until I entered a community where we provide free palliative care to people with incurable cancer, I had no idea just how many different kinds of messes one could encounter in a single day. How often we think, “Oh, this will be quick, Mr. or Mrs. So-and-so is so lovely and so easy to take care of.” Not today! Today he or she is nauseous and repeatedly sick, angry, sad, extremely sleepy or completely different than yesterday. Nor is it just physical messiness. Messy lives, messy families, messy hearts and minds... all in need of healing and mercy. In healthcare work, we can give some mercy, some healing, but the deeper needs of our patients are often beyond our capabilities.

[READ FULL ARTICLE HERE](#)

*The Dominican Sisters of Hawthorne were founded by Rose Hawthorne Lathrop in 1896. She was inspired to begin taking care of destitute cancer patients in the New York City after seeing the difference in the care given to her well-to-do friend Emma Lazarus (poetess and author of the inscription on the base of the Statue of Liberty) compared to that afforded to the poor. Cancer was thought to be contagious, and Rose found the cancerous poor to be the most vulnerable segment of society. She said that “a fire was lighted in my heart” and it burned there for the poor and the sick until her death in 1926. [READ MORE HERE](#)>*

[Watch Hawthorne Vocations Video HERE](#)>

[Hawthorne Website HERE](#)>

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**Curatio is on Instagram!**  
**Check us out @curatioapostolatemn**  
**Follow, share & help us spread Curatio invites & updates!**

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## World Day of the Sick 2025 Review

Curatio extends a joyful thank you to all who attended despite a good old fashioned Minnesota snowstorm!

We were blessed with a beautiful mass led by the bishop and a serene peace, incense filled the sanctuary and our cantors sang, Ave Maria as snow fell down the long windows of Our Lady of Grace Church. Mass was followed by a cozy reception and a pensive talk given by Dr. Todd Flanders of Providence Academy.

Curatio further thanks all those who tended the planning of this sacred event.  
Bishop Izen and the Archdiocese of St. Paul/MPLS

Dr. Todd Flanders  
Teresa Tawail  
Krista Davis  
Katherine Haik  
Patricia Zawistowski  
Amy Smith  
Christin Morey  
The Order of Malta  
Our Lady of Grace Church





LENTEN RETREAT 2025 REGISTRATION OPEN



**CURATIO:**  
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HEALTH CARE  
PROFESSIONALS



Join Us for  
**Curatio's Lenten  
Half-Day Retreat**  
*"God Alone Heals!"*

with Deacon Patrick Spencer

**Saturday, March 15, 2025**

**8:00AM Mass to 1:15PM**

(Includes Light Continental  
Breakfast & Catered Lunch)  
at

**Epiphany Catholic Church**

1900 111th Ave NW  
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

Register early \$59/person no later than  
March 7th. Click here to register:

<https://www.wesharegiving.org>

For more info go to [CuratioApostolate.com](http://CuratioApostolate.com)

Complimentary tickets for  
Religious and Healthcare students:  
[curatioevent@gmail.com](mailto:curatioevent@gmail.com)



Enjoy a dynamic talk, *God Alone Heals*, from a highly experienced RN and Family Nurse Practitioner, Deacon Patrick. He was ordained to the Permanent Diaconate for the Minneapolis/St Paul Archdiocese in December 2023. He earned his BA in Nursing from the College of St. Thomas, in St. Paul MN and his Masters degree from the Graduate School of Nursing

at the Uniformed University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda Maryland, while serving in the US Air Force. He retired from United States Air Force after a long medical career working many years in leadership roles as an RN and a FNP in the US and in Germany. He is currently a Family Nurse Practitioner at AALFA Family Clinic in White Bear Lake, MN. He and his wife Dawn have 5 children and 11 grandchildren.

**Half-Day Retreat Schedule**

- ❖ Mass at 8:00AM
- ❖ Reflection by Deacon Patrick Spencer. He is a Family Nurse Practitioner at AALFA clinic, a pro-life Christian healthcare clinic for families.
- ❖ Unique Lenten Stations of the Cross (designed for healthcare)
- ❖ Q & A with Deacon Patrick Spencer
- ❖ Catered lunch & fellowship

*Curatio ex Corde Christi; Healing from the Heart of Christ*

**REGISTER FOR LENTEN HALF DAY  
RETREAT HERE!**

**SAVE THE DATES!**

# Mass, Meet & Munch



- \* **April 12th 2025** Attend 8:30am Mass with other Catholics in healthcare and stay for discussion & munchies!
- \* **St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, New Brighton MN**
- \* Matthew Paquette MD from AALFA Clinic (a prolife Christian family clinic) will be leading a discussion on his book, "Spirituality for the Challenged."
- \* **Come & enjoy** even if you haven't read the book. Books will be available at the meeting or you can get one on Amazon.
- \* **Encounter Our Lord in one another.**

**FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART SAVE THE DATE- ROCHESTER, MN**



## “Healing from the Heart of Christ:

Restoring Holistic Care in the 21st Century”

Inviting all Catholics Working in Healthcare to join us in prayer and celebration  
Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Friday, June 27, 2025**

Resurrection Catholic Church  
Rochester, MN 55904

Included in the day: Adoration, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Reflections  
& Light Refreshments.



Curatio Apostolate has accepted Bishop Barron's warm invitation to introduce Catholics in Healthcare of all disciplines, living in his Archdiocese of Winona/Rochester, to discover Curatio; an oasis where you can strengthen your Catholic faith in life and work. ([curatioapostolate.com](http://curatioapostolate.com)). During this Jubile Year, we focus intentionally on **healing through the heart of Christ** (Latin translation of Curatio). Through the generosity of Father James Steffes, Resurrection Parish will host, Fr. Aquinas Guilbeau OP, Fr. Columba Thomas OP MD & Fr. Marcus Milless who will give reflections on **"The Sacred Heart of Jesus; it's relevance & integration in healthcare."** Watch for more details soon.

**We hope you can join us!**  
**Visit our website for more details ([curatioapostolate.com](http://curatioapostolate.com))**

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## REQUEST FROM ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY - WINONA Nursing faculty job postings opportunity!

Saint Mary's is in great need of committed faculty members in order for our educational mission to flourish. I thank you in advance for your prayers for us as we strive to advance a new Catholic nursing program in our region. Saint Mary's University is actively recruiting full-time and part-time faculty for its new BSN pre-licensure program in Winona, MN. The BSN program focuses on the Art & Science of Nursing, Holistic View of the Human Person, and Lasallian Catholic Transformative Educational Experiences. Be part of the founding team of a new nursing program, we are making history by going back to the historical roots of nursing. Bring your passion for nursing to our energetic team. [Read full description here>](#)

Peace, Sister Agnes Mary Graves, RSM, DNP

## RESOURCES



**THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC  
BIOETHICS CENTER**

### End-of-Life Guides

Here are links to the NCBC's patient advocacy resources:

- *A Catholic Guide to End-of-Life Decisions (English/Spanish)*
- *A Catholic Guide to Palliate Care and Hospice*
- *A Catholic Guide to POLST*

## PRAAYER



### Curatio's Prayer Intentions *March 2025*

For the dying, those who die alone and those that have no one to pray for them, that they may be comforted by their guardian angels and Saint Josph, Patron of departing souls, pray for us.

For the sick that they might touch the hem of your garment Lord and be healed, help our unbelief, that miracles come from knowing you, seeking, you and loving you, Lord.

For those who have no one to pray for them, that we might remember all in prayer and offer mortifications in union with the Cross of Christ for the salvation of their souls.

For those who serve in healthcare in any capacity, that we might remember to consecrate our entirety to the Holy Spirit, overshadow our work Lord so that only you are made known by our hands, feet, words and work, let us never miss an opportunity to love.

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## SILENCE

*"This silence then, will break forth in a charity that overflows in the service of the neighbor without counting the cost. It will witness to Christ anywhere, always. Availability will become delightful and easy, for in each person the soul will see the face of her Love. Hospitality will be deep and real, for a silent heart is a loving heart, and a loving heart is a hospice for the world." - Catherine Doherty*

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## CHAPLAINS CORNER

**Curatio is committed to praying for our chaplains.**

***Each month Curatio commits to prayer for a chaplain priest.***

**Please pray for Dcn. Paul Buck this month of March.**

*Dear Lord, please keep and protect these chaplains as they minister in your name and in your footsteps. Help them to continue to see God in the faces of those they serve from life to death. May their hearts remain at peace and hopeful in God's promises and providence.*

St Gianna Beretta Molla, Pray for us.

St Giuseppe Moscatti, pray for us.

St. Joseph, patron of the dying & of a happy death, pray for us.

We ask this through the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary, Queen of the sick & Jesus, our patient, who is all mercy, love and compassion.

*Should you need a Catholic Chaplain please reach out to Curatio so that we may aid in coordination and contact with the appropriate priest in your place of work or area.*

- Abbott Northwestern Hospital – Rev. Isaac Ebeigbe
- Buffalo Hospital – Dcn. Paul Buck
- Catholic Medical Association – Rev. John Floeder
- Children's Hospitals & Clinics, St. Paul & United Hospital – Rev. Micheal Monogue
- Curatio: Apostolate of Catholic Healthcare Professionals & North Memorial Medical Center – Rev. Andrew Jaspers
- Hennepin County Medical Center – Rev. Edwin Nyuydine, CFIC
- M Health Fairview Southdale Hospital & Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital – Rev. Sojan



Thomas, CFIC

- M Health Fairview St. John's Hospital – Rev. Biji Mathew
- M Health Fairview University of Minnesota Medical Center – Rev. Cassian Mary Sama, OP
- Maple Grove Hospital – Dcn. Larry Lawinger
- Mercy Hospital & Unity Hospital – Rev. Miroslaw Szynal
- Mercy Hospital & Unity Hospital – Rev. Peter Ali
- Regions Hospital – Rev. Brian Lynch

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## ADORATION

O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine, all praise & all thanksgiving be every moment Thine!



### Curatio invites you to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

The First Friday of every month is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Everyone is welcome to join us for a Holy Hour from 7 pm-8 pm every Thursday before the first Friday of each month, at St. Charles Borromeo Parish. 2739 NE Stinson Pkwy, St Anthony, MN 55418.

Or please consider a Holy Hour with Curatio's Intentions at your own parish adoration chapel.

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## Prayer

Prayer is foundational to Curatio. The daily life of a Curatio member is nourished and framed in prayer. We even say that we “work in the midst of prayer.” Each member strives by common effort for holiness, thereby fostering a more perfect “living” of the Gospel of Life within the vocation of health care. The fruit of this prayer will be the basis for our apostolate. And what is prayer? As St. Therese of Lisieux exclaims in her autobiography, “For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy.” (St. Therese of Lisieux, *Story of a Soul*, Ms C 25 r/v) Only with “unceasing prayer” will Curatio members be conformed to Christ and become instruments of His healing love, able to meet the demands necessary in today’s modern health care.

[Prayer Resources HERE>](#)

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## DONATIONS

*Message From Dianne, Mission Director,*

*Your financial support for our Curatio Expansion Campaign is greatly appreciated and much needed for developing a solid Curatio program that will be piloted first in the Rochester, Winona diocese; recently approved by Bishop Barron. Please spread the word and join us in prayer. We greatly appreciate your consideration of an ongoing annual (or one time donation) supporting our humble efforts to ensure Catholics remain faithful to Christ while working in healthcare. Thank you.*

**[Donate Here!](#)**

*May our hearts in the Curatio Apostolate belong entirely to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.*

## SHARE OUR MISSION



Do you know of other health care workers that would benefit from this monthly newsletter? Please forward this message and encourage they check out Curatio!

**[Check out our Curatio website here!](#)**

**[Sign up for our Newsletter here!](#)**

*As a lay apostolate in this ministry, we rely on and are prompted by the Holy Spirit and thus remain in healthcare for the long haul. We are the hands and feet of Christ - We spiritually care for and nourish Catholic healthcare professionals to stay the course as we remain a foundation of healing from the heart of Christ.*

*We, Curatio, are boots on the ground in the new evangelization.*



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