

The Views Spiritual Care Services

- Resident, patient and family support for all people regardless of religion or spiritual beliefs.
- Provide religious / sacramental ministry for residents, patients and family members.
- Provide moral and ethical support for residents, patients, family members and staff dealing with ethical distress.
- Provides religious or spiritual support for residents, patients and family members during palliation and end of life care.
- To be a liaison in contacting community clergy when a resident or family member requests a visit from their pastor.
- Roman Catholic Communion Service every Thursday morning at 10:30 a.m. in St. Joseph's Chapel.
- Interfaith Service every Sunday at 2:00 p.m. in St. Joseph's Chapel.

Ethical Support at The Views

Within the care of patients and residents, there are times when difficult decisions have to be made regarding the changing health status of the individual.

These decisions can have a direct impact on the quality of life of the resident or patient.

Families are often faced in having to make these decisions and are feeling anxious or unsure in which direction they should choose or what choice their loved one would want.

Ethical support is available for residents, patients, family members and staff.

Ethical support is provided as close to the bedside as possible and all invested individuals will assist in providing support—resident patient, family members, physician, and the interdisciplinary team.

For spiritual and ethical support, you can contact:

Brian Ducedre

Coordinator of Spiritual Care & Ethics

250-331-6850, local 68794.



The Views at
St. JOSEPH'S
building a community of care
for seniors in the Comox Valley

RELIGIOUS AND SPIRITUAL CARE

“We promote compassionate care that values a quality of presence and caring that accepts people as they are and fosters healing and wholeness.”

End of Life Care

WHAT IS SPIRITUAL HEALTH?

Spiritual health is that aspect of our well-being which organizes the values, the relationships, and the meaning and purpose of our lives. Residents, patients and healthcare professionals all have experienced a growing recognition of the importance of spiritual health as a foundation for physical health and well-being.

Characteristics of Spiritual Health:

- Finds fulfillment in self, others, work and leisure.
- Accepts the limitations of humanity.
- Takes time to reflect one's life and spirituality.
- Investigates and interprets illness within the context of meaning. Balances dependence and freedom.
- Uses health to serve others.
- Balances the spiritual with the physical and emotional.
- Takes responsibility for health

(taken from the Catholic Health Association of the U.S.)

Throughout life's journey, we transition through many different stages of life; as we approach our final stage of life we experience different losses.

When the decision is made that one has to move into a facility, many losses are felt. The loss of independence, the loss of one's home. Loss of community and friends. These losses affect the person moving into facility as well as family. Spiritual Care is available to provide support for residents, patients and family members to assist them as they move through this transition. We are here to assist our residents and patients in maintaining their spiritual health.

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END OF LIFE CARE

It is appropriate to say a word about dying. Death is not a disease, but rather the natural conclusion to human life—an experience we all know we shall share.

Because of the nature of health, we know that certain number of illnesses, accidents, injuries, or the above in combination with advancing age or other bodily weakness, will result in death. Some of these will be more predictable than others.

There may come a time when the restoration or maintenance of health is not possible and the focus of care is on comfort measures or palliative care.

Spiritual Care is part of the health care team that provide this care at The Views and Hospice.