

# SAINT ROSE OF LIMA CATHOLIC CHURCH'S PARISH PROFILES

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Giving Back

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Members of the homebound ministry ran into the coronavirus roadblock in March. In-person activities for nursing homes and senior residences were suspended or severely curtailed—no more weekly prayer services, distribution of Communion or visits.

For the Saint Rose team of Eucharistic ministers it turned out to be only a detour. As parish volunteers have done for more than eight decades, they went above and beyond to keep in touch with those they serve.

Dolly Buettner has been conducting a communion service and having coffee with residents at Eagle Crest for about four years. “These days they feel so isolated,” she says. “Eight of them gave me their phone numbers so I can keep in contact. I call at least two every day to see how they are doing, do a short Bible reading and give them spiritual communion. When one resident recently passed away her son told me how much she treasured the prayers and spiritual communion. It is so very rewarding to bring the outside to people that are a little lonely on the inside.”

Joan Van Roo, has been a homebound minister for several years at area nursing homes and senior residents. During the past few months the people at Rose Pointe voiced a desire for holy water. The parish provided 20 bottles, and after Father Paveglio blessed them they were delivered along with a “thinking of you” card from Saint Rose.

Mary Ellen Brown is a Eucharistic minister to 14 people in the building where she lives. With the regular Monday communion service on hold she keeps in touch by distributing spiritual messages and calling some of the residents. “They all miss the service,” she says. “I do as well. I feel very connected to the Catholics in my building.”

A special thanks to all St. Rose of Lima visiting ministers for continuing to serve those in need during this time!

