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### **PARISH POLICY REGARDING HOMEBOUND, SICK CALLS AND ANOINTINGS**

In order to protect the privacy guaranteed by law and individual personal privacy issues, we have formalized the system to cover those who are in need of priestly ministrations and the visitation of the Homebound. This system will help both the sick and priests who administer sacraments.

#### **In Hospital (Nursing Home) Situations:**

- ***A family member or person with Power of Attorney*** can call the parish office or emergency number to ask to have a person anointed.
- ***Other persons cannot make this call*** without family or Power of Attorney permission.

#### **Sick Call to the Home**

- Again, only a family member or Power of Attorney for the sick person can make these calls. Neighbors, friends, ect., must use family and Power of Attorney's for these calls. Proper authority to do so, and regard for someone's ***privacy must be respected***.
- Please note that no member of a parish organization is to make announcements and/or pass information about any person's private medical conditions. HIPPA laws are very clear in these matters.
- Adding names of persons to published parish prayer lists also can ***only*** be made by the sick person, or a family member or Power of Attorney. This must be done through the office.

***Please*** observe these rules for the privacy of the sick, and the legal security of the parish and yourselves.

Thank you,

Fr. John Hoang