



Association of
Catholic Mental
Health Ministers

Mental Health Ministry
Pastor Role and Responsibilities

1. Be supportive of MHM within the parish.
2. Make recommendations for team members including parishioners who might benefit from MHM.
3. Participate in the team selection process.
4. When appropriate, include mental health issues in homilies so that the parish becomes more inclusive in supporting those who live with mental illness.
5. Include information about the MHM and its meeting in the bulletin.
6. Include prayers for those living with mental illness in the Prayers of the Faithful especially during months set aside for Mental Health Awareness
7. Receive periodic updates on the group meetings and events from the Team Leader.
8. Communicate suggestions for improvement or concerns to the Advisory Group and the Mental Health Ministry Coordinator as needed.
9. Be informed of issues arising of MHM meeting or group members and, where needed, participate in their resolution with the Team Leader and the Mental Health Ministry Coordinator.
10. Be supportive of the need to maintain the confidentiality of group members.
11. Where possible, occasionally attend and participate in a group meeting or social activity.
12. Provide this ministry with the same opportunities and benefits of other parish ministries, including securing financial support from the parish, the annual Vicariate Outreach of the AAA or other sources.