

Sister Faith Cosky, OSF

Chaplain, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, Michigan

Sister Faith considers herself to be a good listener. As a hospital chaplain she must be, not only a good listener, but a sensitive, responsive listener, because people are counting on her to help them navigate traumatic situations. Nobody plans on being in a hospital making life changing decisions for a loved one, but when they are, they need the assurance of a Sister Faith to get them through the moment.

Sister Faith has been a resident chaplain at St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor, Michigan for nine years where she supports patients and families in the surgical and cardiac intensive care units. She began her life as a Sylvania Franciscan teaching grade school for 16 years. She then became the director of Bethany House, a refuge in Toledo for women and children of domestic violence. It was while working there that she discovered her talent for one-on-one listening.

“Working at Bethany House was a rewarding experience”, said Sister Faith. “I felt like I was making a difference in the lives of these women because we helped them build the self-esteem they needed to go back out into the world. The house was just as valuable and meaningful for the children because they were victims too. We provided them with a safe, faith-filled environment.”

Sister Faith’s Bethany House experience played a key role in her becoming a chaplain because in a hospital people trust her in moments of crisis, just the way they did at the center for battered women. “Doctors are there to give medical attention,” said Sister Faith. “My role is to stay with the family during their time of shock and disbelief and help them with whatever they need to do, to sustain them in their loss.”

Working in the emergency room is the most challenging for Sister Faith. She said there is no predetermined agenda in that situation, but she turns it over to God and lets him direct her in what to do. Serving as a hospital chaplain allows Sister Faith to reverence human dignity and follow in the footsteps of St. Francis.



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