

## ***What a parish nurse is not:***

- A parish nurse is not a physician. They will not provide medical diagnosis or medical treatment.**
- A parish nurse is not a home care nurse. A parish nurse will not dispense medications or provide treatments prescribed by a physician.**
- A parish nurse is not a therapist. They will not do physical therapy, occupational therapy, dietary therapy or psychotherapy.**
- A parish nurse is not a clergyperson. They usually do not hold a degree in theology, although may have some further education in theology or clinical pastoral education. All parish nurses come to the field with a deep spiritual commitment.**
- A parish nurse is not in competition for roles already in existence in a congregation.**