Parish Nurse/Health Ministry Covenant

Between Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital and _____________________________________ Faith Community

Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital and faith community are committed to:

- Continuing the healing ministry, integrating body, mind and spirit
- Making health and wellness services more available in the community
- Assisting lay persons to their call to ministry in the faith community

Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital and faith community agree to promote health, well being, and wholeness in the community by jointly participating in the Lourdes Parish Nurse/Health Ministry Program. The Lourdes Parish Nurse/Health Ministry Program has been established to assist faith communities start and maintain parish nurse and health ministry programs.

Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital agrees to:

- Provide an orientation class for participating parish nurses and health ministers
- Provide an opportunity for continued education by hosting monthly meetings, publishing a newsletter and provide an annual seminar/retreat
- Provide consultation and support for participating parish nurses/health ministers, pastoral associates and clergy
- Provide consultation when requested by the pastor in selecting a coordinator
- Provide access to the Lourdes Parish Nurse Speakers Bureau and other health related information
- Provide access to various services of Lourdes when planning a health fair
- Share information about resources and programs from various health and human service agencies for the Parish Nurse/Health Ministry program
- Provide annual parish nurse recognition and annual retreat/seminar

Faith Community agrees to:

- Select a coordinator, with consultation from Lourdes
- Determine term of commitment of coordinator and method of succession
- Document the reporting protocols of the faith community parish nurse/health ministry to the clergy and governing body
- Encourage establishment of health ministry cabinet/committee of various health professionals
- Recognize the parish nurse ministry as a valid ministry and include the coordinator in parish meetings and other services within the faith
- Provide a locked area for the parish nurse to keep confidential records
- Include the faith community parish nurse/health ministry program in budgetary process
- Encourage the coordinator, parish nurses, health ministers and committee members to attend monthly meetings provided by Lourdes Parish Nurse Ministry
- Encourage 3 hour orientation program attendance for new parish nurses
- Adhere to American Heart Association guidelines for blood pressure screenings
- Encourage quarterly and annual parish nurse/health ministry statistics be sent to Lourdes coordinator
- Articulate the integration of the whole person health concept into the faith community
- Assure the parish nurse coordinator has faith community and/or personal professional liability coverage
- Assure that parish nurse coordinator maintains a professional license.

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Nurse & Health Ministry Coordinator and Faith Community agree to evaluate the effectiveness of the Parish Nurse Program on an ongoing basis for improving the whole person health care in the parish. A copy is to be kept at the parish, and original returned to Lourdes Parish Nurse Office. This remains in effect until either party revokes the covenant. If either party wishes to terminate this relationship, they should do so in writing, giving a 30 day notice with or without cause to this effect. This Covenant is accepted as written as:

Lourdes Parish Nurse Ministry Coordinator Signature________________________________________       Date________________

Faith Community Signature________________________________________________________________________       Date________________