



# St. Thomas of Canterbury Episcopal Church & School

## **Lay Eucharistic Visitor Ministry**

The Episcopal Diocese of San Diego defines the role played by Eucharistic Visitors as those who “... *carry the sacraments to those who are ill and homebound as invited by the clergy and according to diocesan canons. Eucharistic Visitors are present as the bearer of the bread and wine on behalf of the faith community. In receiving the sacraments, people who are ill and/or homebound are nurtured, strengthened and comforted.*”

Here, at St. Thomas of Canterbury Episcopal Church, this privilege is carried out by a team of individuals throughout the year. It involves trips to homes, assisted living facilities, rehabilitation sites, and hospitals. It involves making phone calls to current as well as prospective participants. The ministry also reaches out to family members and friends of those who surround the one being called upon. Visits can be a single event, last a month or two or extend over many years.

Anyone who wishes to become a Eucharistic Visitor must be approved by the Vicar or Rector, complete both diocesan and parish/mission-level training and complete the Safeguarding God’s People training course.

If you or someone in your family would like a Eucharistic Visitor to make a visit, please call the church office, talk to Father Tim or contact a Eucharistic Visitor. Currently, our Eucharistic Visitors are Kay Bemis, Kathy Foxen, Lani Jones and Diane Swarts. We also rely upon our faith community to make us aware of those to whom we may need to reach out.

If you would like more information about serving as a Eucharistic Visitor, please contact Father Tim or a current Eucharistic Visitor.

Thank you for allowing us to be service. It is our honor and privilege to do so.