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Subject: Pastoral Assistant's Report

As some of you know I have been recuperating from complications in the airways of the lungs since Feb 1 and with God's help hopefully will be able to return to work sometime in March and most of my regular activities at OLA by April. Please accept this very brief report.

As we have done for many years in the past, Our Lady of the Assumption Eucharistic Ministers provided ashes on Ash Wednesday at the ORMC Outpatient Pavilion from 7am until 2pm. Our ministers served approximately 125 people including nurses, doctors, patients, families. Deacon Trapani, Coordinator of Pastoral Care at ORMC has entrusted us to handle the pavilion while he supervises the distribution of ashes at the main hospital. As I was not able to be there this year, I wish to personally thank Mary Donnelly, Josephine Lust, Susan Schmaus, Anne Clouse, Kathleen Harris, and Barbara Ceriale for their service this year.

OLA's Making All Things New Team has been Meeting. Fr. Sean can provide more info. I look forward to resuming my active role in April.

Still on track for the Sunday evening in April *Pope Francis Speaks to America*.

And finally, a special thank you to the OLA parishioners who are helping with the Warming Station by donating socks, underwear and other items, who are volunteering as overnight volunteers, and who are giving monetary donations and who are praying for those we serve.

God bless you all,

Gary