

ST. ANNE'S  
SALVATORIAN CAMPUS

Vigil Keepers



*Faith is the Heart  
of our Home*



*Vigilance, prayer, and spiritual support...*

## *Vigil Keeper Ministry*

St. Anne's Vigil Keepers are trained volunteers who companion a dying resident when requested by family. As a resident approaches their final hours, Vigil Keepers provide a compassionate presence when family members are not available or need time away. Vigil Keepers quietly attend the bedside providing a vigilant presence, prayer, and spiritual reassurance and support.

## **Vigil Keeper Requests**

- Requests for Vigil Keepers are made by family members to the nurse or pastoral staff, who contact the coordinator for scheduling Vigil Keeping.
- Vigil Keepers do not provide physical care but notify the nursing staff of resident needs or changes in the resident's condition.
- Vigil Keepers may provide music, pray, read or sit quietly with residents depending request of the resident and family.
- Vigil Keeping is offered and scheduled daily.
- Vigil Keeping may be canceled at the request of the family.
- Resident care information is confidential.

## **Vigil Keepers Mission**

To provide residents with compassionate care in a respectful, homelike environment that honors individual dignity. In keeping with the core values of the Sisters of the Divine Savior and the beliefs of the Catholic faith, we strive to improve quality of life, promote justice, collaborate with our partners in service, and be responsible stewards of our resources.

“As we learn to have  
compassion for ourselves,  
the circle of compassion  
for others becomes wider.”

—Pema Chodron

## *Vigil Keepers Prayer*

Lord you are the healer who calls  
Vigil Keepers to serve and care for  
people in your name. As we carry  
out this Holy Ministry, be with us  
with the wisdom of your Holy Spirit,  
and fill us with compassion that  
allows us to put the needs of those  
we serve before all else.



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