

Firstly thankyou to Sr Eveline Crotty for her time to conduct the recent Pastoral practice Program we had 15 attendees from across the organisation and community and by all accounts I believe they thoroughly enjoyed the course. The course was an Introductory course to Pastoral Practice and the participants were involved in reflecting on there own lives and that of others through role playing and vignettes and some minor assessments were conducted.

Taking part in this Introductory Course for Pastoral Practice was, for me, a very worthwhile, fulfilling and life-giving experience. Being part of the Mercy Health Care family already, meant that this was a step in the direction of becoming a more effective Pastoral Carer. The four topics covered really did encompass the Theory and Practical aspects necessary for us to offer a more holistic approach to caring for others. The Vignettes, triads, and Networking exercises were practical exercises and helped us to know the right course of action if we should meet them in real life situations. Finally, Sr Eveline Crotty was remarkable and so interesting to work with: She shared many of her experiences and talents and allowed us to be ourselves. The group too was diverse and great. They all shared their own stories, and we all went away much richer in the knowledge of ourselves and Pastoral Care. A well run and beneficial course.

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