

SUBJECT: **QUILT OF PEACE AND CLOTH OF PEACE**

*St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre, a Roman Catholic facility, reveals God's love and mercy through compassionate care focussed on the body, mind and soul for residents, families, employees, medical staff and volunteers.*

BACKGROUND: The Quilt of Peace, also known as a pall, was created by Victoria's Quilts of Cornwall and sponsored by the Auxiliary to St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre. The Quilt is to be used when the funeral home presents at St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre (the Centre) to transport a deceased resident/patient.

The Cloth of Peace is intended to be used on the door of a resident/patient room as a symbol that death is imminent and/or has just occurred.

- PROCEDURE:
1. Upon the death of a resident/patient, the Charge Nurse is responsible to:
    - 1.1 Notify/call Father Raymond Dumoulin to request him to administer the Last Rights;
    - 1.2 Notify/call the Spiritual Care Counsellor;
    - 1.2 Notify/call the Security Guard to notify them that the funeral home will soon arrive.
  2. Cloth of Peace (Dove) - (There are two available for the Centre.)  
The Spiritual Care Counsellor will be responsible to keep the two Cloths and place them into service at the appropriate time. When a resident/patient is at end of life, the Nursing staff shall alert the Spiritual Care Counsellor who shall attend the resident/patient room and place a Cloth of Peace on the door. The Cloth of Peace will be available after hours from Security.
  3. Quilt of Peace (Pall)  
The Quilt of Peace will be stored in the Security Office in a plastic container. When the funeral home presents for a deceased resident/patient during regular working hours, the Storekeeper will accompany the funeral home staff to the Security Office and provide the Quilt of Peace to be used as a pall when transporting the deceased within the building. Before exiting the building through the rear service area, the funeral home staff shall leave the Quilt of Peace on the chair in the Storekeeper Office. Outside of regular business hours, the Security Guard shall be responsible to provide and Quilt of Peace to the funeral home staff when they present at the back service entrance. The Security Guard will return the Quilt to the Security Office once the funeral home staff has left the building.

REFERENCES: 1. St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre *Mission, Vision and Values*

APPROVAL BY: Leadership and Partnerships Team \_\_\_\_\_

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