

Journeys from P.A.D.S. to Hope Questions and Answers Sheet

Here are answers to questions asked concerning Journeys From P.A.D.S. to Hope. This new ministry begins in October and runs through April 2009.

Is the Archdiocese aware of what we are planning to do?

Yes. Cardinal George, Bishop Frank Kane, of our Vicariate, and our Dean, Father Ron Kalas, are aware and support this ministry.

What is Father Carl's motivation for doing this program? Why should we support this?

Read in your Bible Matthew 25, verses 31-46.

Can anyone come to a PADS site?

Only those registered in a PADS program can come to an overnight PADS site. They must be screened and have a medical exam at the clinic. After a background check they are issued a picture I.D. which will then let them into the PADS facilities.

What about security and loitering?

Loitering- No guest should be on church property prior to 6:45 P.M. They are to leave our site by 6:30 A.M. We are working on ways to insure this happens as stated. If a guest loiters, he is to be written up and reported to the PADS office. Guests know that if they break any rule three times they are out of the program. This means they are no longer approved for entrance into any of the sites.

Security – We have been in conversation with the acting chief of police, Tom Swoboda. The police department is willing to partner with us in any way to help insure that the program is safe and runs smoothly. He has been in conversation with other churches and their village police departments that currently run PADS ministries and reports that there have been minimal problems or incidents reported.

How many guests will St. Paul be able to take in?

We have asked that our site be a non-smoking site and that we only allow 15-20 guests at any given time. There are 30 Sunday nights that this involves, October through April. We will need twenty volunteers each Sunday evening to man the two shifts. The volunteers will come from the churches in Park Ridge who are also supporting this ministry.

Why Sunday evening?

Sunday evenings are most quiet around the parish and has the least amount of activity in the parish life center. We will only be using a small portion of the center for the ministry, but it is the only space available with access to washroom facilities that are needed. All other parts of the building are locked and not being used. No rooms in the school are accessible or being used in

any way. A check in table and volunteer are stationed outside the life center doors to monitor the area.

What about sanitation?

All surfaces including refrigerators, door handles, counters, pots, pans, serving utensils, floors, sinks, toilets, stalls, PADS mattresses, pillows, tables and chairs are washed with a 10 percent bleach cleaning solution and wiped down with Cavi wipes which are used for sanitation at Lutheran General Hospital. Clean up is covered in the volunteer training and is an important part of the job. Additionally our own maintenance department will be on hand to perform their routine maintenance protocol. Linens are supplied by Lutheran General Hospital. They are picked up for laundering on Monday mornings and delivered clean during the week

Check-In Process – Upon checking in, guests must present their PADS ID card which is newly issued July 1 of each year and expires the following June 30th. Prior to check-in time, a current roster will be faxed to the site director which will provide the names of the guests with the following considerations:

Struck Out – Guests have earned 3 strikes by breaking the rules, which they agree upon with their intake counselor at the Hope Center. The strikes may be removed when they work with the clinical team with the Hope Center on one of the goals they have set for themselves to move out of homelessness.

Ineligible – Guests are not eligible due to a criminal background check; they are not allowed entry into our PADS sites for the safety of our guests and volunteers.

Late Arrival Approval – Guests are allowed to enter our sites after 9 P.M. when all doors are locked due to their place of employment, which has been discreetly verified by the Hope Center staff.

Temporary ID's – Should a guest arrive requesting a temporary ID. Two forms of ID must be presented one of them being a picture ID. **Then call our local police for identification before issuing a temporary ID. If they do not have a picture ID but have been cleared by the police, issue them a temporary ID for tonight only and advise them that they must come to the HOPE CENTER the following business day.** If over a weekend, please advise them they must come to the Hope Center on Monday. On the Temporary ID form write the name of the police officer and badge number to advise the PADS Program Director this has been completed for the safety of all the other sites.

What other Churches with Schools have the PADS ministry?

Holy Family Catholic Church in Inverness, Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic Church in Arlington Heights and St. James Catholic Church in Arlington Heights

We hope this answers some of the immediate questions that have been raised. There will be a follow up meeting regarding this process on Monday, July 7th at 7:30 P.M. in the Holy Family Chapel.