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The World Day of the Sick, established by St. John Paul II in 1992, is an annual day of prayer, reflection and action for the sick and their caregivers, like us. We in Catholic health care are all called to recognize the face of Christ in our sick and vulnerable brothers and sisters and respond to them with compassion. This year, the theme of the World Day of the Sick is on the gospel figure of the Samaritan who shows love by caring for the suffering man who fell into the hands of thieves. This highlights the importance of the concrete work of loving our neighbor, through which we enter into their suffering and meet them in their pain, fear, and loneliness.



REFLECTION

He said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped him and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. Likewise, a Levite came to the place, and when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight. He approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them. Then he lifted him up on his own animal, took him to an inn and cared for him. The next day, he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper with the instruction, ‘Take care of him. If you spend more than what I have given you, I shall repay you on my way back.’ Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers’ victim?” He answered, “The one who treated him with mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

- Luke 10:30-37



TEAM DISCUSSION

- Who are our neighbors at HSHS? What neighbors might we be avoiding?
- The Samaritan embodies true neighborly love because he acts on mercy and compassion. How can you and your team become true neighbors to our patients, guests, and community members?



DATES TO REMEMBER

February	Black History Month	February 20	World Day of Social Justice
February 11	World Day of the Sick		

The Mission Module is a Huddle Board Resource. Once each month, find 5-7 minutes at your huddle board to read the reflection as a team and talk out loud with one another about the “Team Discussion” prompts.

We welcome positive or constructive feedback on modules. Connect with Bonny at Bonny.Bobka@hshs.org.