

## **Nancy L. Rago Durbin, MS, RN, Faith Community Nurse**

Nancy Durbin has been working in Faith Community Nursing for 21 years. We have been colleagues for 18 of those years. I was her supervisor for 14 months when I was the Interim Director of Parish Nursing at Advocate Health Care after a system merger. Out of a group of 25 nurses at the time, she was a standout because of the excellence she demonstrated in her parish nursing practice at Our Lady of the Wayside Church. That professional excellence fostered respect for Faith Community Nursing among lay people, clergy and community health professionals with whom he interacted. She is now my supervisor in Faith Community Nursing. Since becoming the Director of Parish Nursing she has consistently promoted Faith Community Nursing within Advocate by connecting with key leaders within the organization. She holds the nurses in our department to high professional standards and supports our professional development with regular budget support for continuing education and conferences. Her efforts have resulted in Faith Community Nursing being represented on impactful committees within nursing, medicine and mission and spiritual care departments at Advocate. As a result, Faith Community Nursing is more understood and valued in our organization than it has been in our 26 years of existence. Nancy also willingly acts as "Faith Community Nurse" to other Advocate associates frequently offering her caring through health system guidance, referrals and spiritual care to coworkers. Nancy has been a member of the committee that developed the Scope and Standards for Faith Community Nursing and provided leadership in collaboration with American Nurses Association to get them approved, published and implemented. She has further championed Faith Community Nursing by teaching the scope and standards at numerous conferences nationally and internationally. In doing so she is always passionate, articulate and very professional. She is a wonderful representative for the specialty and very deserving of the Wilkerson-Droege Award.

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