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## **SPACE STILL AVAILABLE FOR FAITH COMMUNITY NURSING BASIC PREPARATION COURSE**

OKLAHOMA CITY (Dec. 9, 2009) -- Catholic Charities' Faith Community Nursing Resource Center still has a few spots available in the Faith Community Nurse (FCN) Basic Preparation Course. The course is open to registered nurses of all faiths and will be held over the weekends of Jan. 28-30 and Feb. 11-13, 2010 at Our Lady of the Lodge in Guthrie, Oklahoma. Participants must attend both weekends to earn FCN certification.

"This is the 12<sup>th</sup> year the course has been available for registered nurses," said Marilyn Seiler, faculty coordinator and manager of the Faith Community Nursing Resource Center. "By combining faith, knowledge, compassion and professionalism, Faith Community Nurses become a bridge between the challenges of medicine and the solidarity of their faith."

The program is open to nurses of all faiths. Registration is limited to 20 participants and tuition is \$650, which includes meals, lodging and materials. Scholarships are available for those who qualify. Registration closes Jan. 4, 2010.

Faith Community Nurses help members of church congregations cope with various health conditions as well as answer any questions they may have about their health. They also provide assistance with health promotion, offer referrals and advocacy, make home, hospital, and nursing home visits, coordinate volunteers, and assist with parishioners' spirituality.

For more information or to register, please contact Marilyn Seiler at 405-334-1630 or Diane Steltenkamp at 405-523-3000, or visit [www.catholiccharitiesok.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesok.org).

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