



THE BOSTON HOME

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SR. BRIDGET HAASE OF THE BOSTON HOME RECEIVES PASTORAL LEADERSHIP GRANT

Dorchester, Mass. – Sister Bridget Haase, Coordinator of the Spirituality and Wellness Program at The Boston Home in Dorchester—a long-term care facility for adults with physical disabilities, primarily multiple sclerosis and related neurological diseases—was recently awarded the Sabbatical Grant for Pastoral Leaders program by the Louisville Institute.

Sr. Bridget was included among this year’s recipients for her project entitled: *GOD PASSING BY: Scripture, Storytelling, and Sabbath*. The grant will allow her to take eight weeks of retreat at Genesis Spiritual Life Center in Westfield, Mass., this July and August. Sr. Bridget was selected among a pool of 300 applicants from the United States and Canada.

The grant offers clergy a chance to devote themselves to prayer, study, and reflection on their vocations and ministries.

Prior to joining The Boston Home, Sister Bridget served as a volunteer at The Boston Home for more than three years. Her ministry has included HIV/AIDS day care in Dedham; reading instruction to challenged students; education and social service in

Appalachia, Mexico, and West Africa; and feeding children of the famine in the desert of East Africa.

Sister Bridget has a B.A. from the College of New Rochelle in New York and a Masters of Religious Studies from the University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio, Texas.

She is the author of *Well Said*, a collection of children's words of wisdom, and is the co-author of *Enkindled*. She lives in the Ursuline Convent in Dedham.

Founded in 1990 as a center for research and leadership education on American Religion, the Louisville Institute seeks to nurture inquiry and conversation regarding religious problems, contributions, and prospects in ways that are mutually beneficial to both scholars and religious leaders. The Louisville Institute is funded by the Lilly Endowment and is based at the Louisville Presbyterian Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky.

Founded in 1881, The Boston Home is a 96-bed, not-for-profit, long-term-care facility that serves adults with multiple sclerosis and other progressive neurological diseases. The only facility of its kind in New England and one of a few in the United States, The Boston Home has earned a national reputation for providing progressive, long-term care. For more information, visit www.thebostonhome.org.

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