

## Catholic Resources for Palliative Care

### *General Resources*

Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services - <http://www.usccb.org/about/doctrine/ethical-and-religious-directives/>

Supportive Care Coalition - <http://supportivecarecoalition.org/>

National Association for Catholic Chaplains - <http://www.nacc.org/>

### *Key Topics in End-of-Life Care*

Caring for People at the End of Life - [https://www.chausa.org/docs/default-source/ethics/3058\\_cha\\_end-of-life-guide\\_tcc\\_lores.pdf?sfvrsn=6](https://www.chausa.org/docs/default-source/ethics/3058_cha_end-of-life-guide_tcc_lores.pdf?sfvrsn=6)

This document from the Catholic Health Association explains the theological underpinnings of the Catholic Church's teachings on end of life care.

Caring Even When We Cannot Cure - [https://www.chausa.org/docs/default-source/ethics/3441\\_cha\\_end-of-life-guide\\_pc\\_english-lowres.pdf?sfvrsn=0](https://www.chausa.org/docs/default-source/ethics/3441_cha_end-of-life-guide_pc_english-lowres.pdf?sfvrsn=0)

Although this document is directed at patients, it provides a meaningful overview of palliative care in the Catholic healthcare setting.

Pastoral Notes on Anointing of the Sick and Viaticum - <http://www.bostoncatholic.org/Offices-And-Services/Office-Detail.aspx?id=12522&pid=464>

This site provides background information and explanation of two Sacraments commonly received near the end of life: Anointing of the Sick and Eucharist as viaticum.

### *Resources Oriented toward Professionals*

Palliative Care: The Biblical Roots - <https://www.chausa.org/publications/health-progress/article/january-february-2014/palliative-care-the-biblical-roots>

Human Dignity in the "Vegetative State" - <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/end-of-life/euthanasia/upload/Human-Dignity-in-the-Vegetative-State.pdf>

Palliative Care vs. Physician Assisted Suicide - <http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/respect-life-program/killing-the-pain.cfm>