

Further Resources

**For the Archdiocesan Day for
Palliative Care**



Archdiocese
of Toronto

General Resources

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- [Palliative Care and a Catholic Response to Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide](#)
This **brochure** was distributed to parishes in March 2025. It is also available in [multiple languages](#).
- [Archdiocese of Toronto – Palliative Care \(End-of-Life Care\) \(archtoronto.org\)](#)
- [‘HopeLine’: Call 416-619-5700 for Palliative Care Support](#)

Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

- [Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care – Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops \(ccc.ca\)](#)
This complete package includes videos, prayers, resources and leader’s guide for group facilitation or individual study.
- [Palliative Care – Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops](#)
- [Unlocking Hope: Highlights from the International Interfaith Symposium on Palliative Care - Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops](#)

Catechism of the Catholic Church and the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

- The meaning of Christian death: [Catechism 1010-1014](#)
- Church’s view of illness and Christ as healer: [Catechism 1500-1510](#)
- Concerning euthanasia: [Catechism 2276-2279](#)
- Respect owed to the dying: [Catechism 2299](#)
- What is the significance of Jesus’ compassion for the sick? [Compendium 314](#)
- What is the attitude of the Church toward the sick? [Compendium 315](#)
- Why must human life be respected? [Compendium 466](#)
- What medical procedures are permitted when death is considered imminent? [Compendium 471](#)
- What care must be given to the dying? [Compendium 478](#)

Magisterial Documents

- [Samaritanus Bonus on the Care of Persons in the Critical and Terminal Phases of Life \(14 July 2020\) \(vatican.va\)](#)
- [Dignitas Infinita](#), see especially [51-52](#)
- [Evangelium Vitae 64-67](#)
- [Message of His Holiness Pope Francis to the Participants in the Symposium “Towards a Narrative of Hope: An International Interfaith Symposium on Palliative Care”](#)

Catholic Bioethics and Theology

- [Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute \(CCBI\)](#)
- [Catholic Bioethics Moments – YouTube](#)
Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute (CCBI) has resources available online including the Catholic Bioethics Moments Series which examines issues in bioethics in light of Catholic Church teachings.
 - [Series 1: Ethical Issues at the End of Life – YouTube](#) Feb 17, 2017 - Catholic Church Teaching on Death, Euthanasia, Forgoing Treatment, Principle of Double Effect
[Série 1: Questions éthiques en fin de vie – YouTube](#)
 - [Series 2: Ethical Issues at the End of Life II – YouTube](#) Aug 15, 2017 Catholic Church Teaching on Organ Donation from Dead Donors, Pain Relief at the End of Life, Palliative Care, Conscience
[Série 2 : Enjeux éthiques de fin de vie 2 – YouTube](#)
- [End of Life Decision-Making and Advance Care Planning by Moira McQueen, LLB, MDiv, PhD.](#) This article includes six questions and answers.
- [Living Suffering and Dying \(chac.ca\)](#), Catholic Organization for Life and Family

Parish

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- [Care for the Sick – Archdiocese of Toronto](#)
Included are various resources to assist clergy and lay ministers to recognize and highlight the importance of the Ministry to the Sick in the parish community.
- [Workshop Kit for the Atlas CareMap](#)
As found in the appendices of [Horizons of Hope](#). A resource that can be used by a parish to host a workshop on how to make and use the CareMap, a free resource for caregivers.

Schools

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- [YOUCAT \(with Foreword by Pope Benedict XVI\)](#)
 - Was it part of God's plan for people to suffer? Question 66 (see study guide below).
 - Why are we supposed to accept suffering? Question 102.
 - How does the Church view the sick? Questions 240-241.
 - What reasons do Christians give for human dignity? Question 280 (see study guide below).
 - Is it permissible to offer assistance in dying? Question 382.
- YOUCAT Study Guides – [Why the suffering?](#), [What does it mean to be human?](#)
These study guides can be used without a physical copy of the YOUCAT, as the question and answer are printed directly into the guide.
- [YOUCAT for Kids \(with Foreword by Pope Francis\)](#)
 - Anointing of the Sick, Question 88.
 - Fifth Commandment, Questions 124-125.
 - Quote from St. Albert the Great on assisting those who suffer, Page 165.
- [DOCAT \(with Foreword by Pope Francis\)](#)
 - Euthanasia, Palliative Care, Significance of Dying, Questions 77-83.

Families and Caregivers

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- [CareChannel – Saint Elizabeth Foundation and Elizz by SE Health](#)
A resource library for family and community caregivers including videos, articles and practical advice, available in five languages.

Some Further Resources from *Horizons of Hope*

- [Go Wish](#)
This is a card game that can help facilitate conversations about end-of-life decisions and preferences. Although physical cards can be purchased, there is an [online version available](#) in English for free. There is also a version available for parents facing the critical illness of a child and is available in multiple languages.
- [Advance Care Planning Workbook](#) – Ontario edition

This workbook discusses appointing decision makers and communicating values and decisions to them. It is available in multiple languages. It also includes a section on questions to ask your healthcare professional if you are facing illness.

- [LEAP Carers](#)
A free course offered by Pallium Canada on how to be an effective caregiver.
- [Atlas CareMap](#)
A free resource for caregivers to map out their support systems and assist them in asking for help from the community