

A Catholic Approach to Palliative Care

GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE: LIVING WITH & CARING FOR THE SERIOUSLY ILL- NOURISHED BY EUCHARIST

QUESTION 1:

Dr. Henson highlights the entrance rite as an opportunity to examine how we welcome one another, especially those living with or affected by serious illness.

- How does your community welcome and acknowledge those struggling with illness or chronic loneliness?

QUESTION 2:

The gospel story of the "Good Samaritan" in Luke 10.30-37 draws our attention to the value of human kindness, shelter, and the sharing of resources to facilitate healing of body and soul.

- What distinguishes curing from healing?

QUESTION 3:

- How does your participation in the Eucharistic liturgy nourish you toward the healing you seek?

LINKS TO CATHOLIC RESOURCES

Bishop Robert Barron on "What is happening at mass?"

Mercy - The Essence of the Gospel and the Key to Christian Life by Cardinal Walter Kasper

"Eucharist as the Heart of the Ministry" in *Incarnate Grace: Perspectives on the Ministry of Catholic Healthcare*

Catechism of the Catholic Church

Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care

LINKS TO PALLIATIVE CARE RESOURCES

Pathways to Convergence

Palliative Care's Sacramental & Liturgical Foundations: Healthcare Formed by Faith, Hope, and Love

Get Palliative Care

Palliative Care: A Hallmark of Catholic Health Care

