

# A Catholic Approach to Palliative Care

## GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE: PALLIATIVE CARE-THE BEST POSSIBLE CARE FOR THE SERIOUSLY ILL

### QUESTION 1:

Taking into account the differences between hospice and palliative care, what might be some of the needs of persons with serious illness in our community?

### QUESTION 2:

How do we currently support those in our community living with or caring for someone with serious illness?

### QUESTION 3:

What might we do better?

### QUESTION 4:

What questions do we have about palliative care?

### LINKS TO CATHOLIC RESOURCES

Ethical and Religious Directives  
for Catholic Health Care

Catechism of the Catholic Church

Catholic Health Association-  
Palliative and Hospice Care:  
Caring Even When We Cannot Cure

The Archdiocese of Boston:  
Palliative Care & Advance Care Planning

### LINKS TO PALLIATIVE CARE RESOURCES

World Health Organization on  
Palliative Care

Get Palliative Care

Supportive Care Coalition

