

A Catholic Approach to Palliative Care

GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE: THE CHRISTIAN ROOTS OF HOSPICE & PALLIATIVE CARE

QUESTION 1:

Dr. Henson contrasts the "Tame" death of the Pre-modern era with the "wild" death of the modern era. What do these terms mean to you and how do they reflect your own experience with serious illness and death?

QUESTION 2:

What part of Cicely Saunders' vision is most compelling to you and why?

- Care that includes physical, mental, and spiritual care for pain
- Ecumenical/spiritual foundations
- Community focused care for the whole person
- Care for the seriously ill as a vocation
- Other?

QUESTION 3:

How might Cicely's vision influence your faith community?

LINKS TO CATHOLIC RESOURCES

Catholic Health Association:
"Caring for people at the end of life"

Message of his holiness Pope Francis to the participants in the European regional meeting of the World Medical Association

Catechism of the Catholic Church

Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care

LINKS TO PALLIATIVE CARE & HOSPICE RESOURCES

St. Christopher's Hospice

Canadian Virtual Hospice

National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization

Get Palliative Care

Spirituality Toolkit

