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**A Series on Death and Dying:
The Catholic Perspective**

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Dear Reader,

The Catholic Conference of Ohio is pleased to offer this Educational Resource on Death and Dying issues. It builds upon the Ohio Bishops' 1993 Statement entitled: *Hopes and Fears: Pastoral Reflections on Death*.

Our hope is that these materials will be used to raise awareness and promote dialogue around the moral, social and political issues associated with the dying process.

This Resource Packet was compiled by the Diocesan Pro Life Directors of Ohio as part of a collaborative effort between the Catholic Conference of Ohio's Departments of Health Affairs, Social Concerns and Education.

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Included in this packet are educational hand-outs, teaching suggestions, prayer resources, background readings and audio visual resources. Some of the materials were adapted from Michigan Catholic Conference's excellent educational program entitled: *Faith Unto Life, Hope Unto Death, Love Unto Eternal Life*.

May God bless your efforts.

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Dear Pastoral Leader,

May the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

In this year of the Great Jubilee we are reminded that we are creatures who owe our creation to God. Human life is God's gift to us and our responsibility to God is to cherish it as a sacred trust.

With this in mind, I am happy to present you with this Resource: *Living with Hope... Confronting Our Fears A Series on Death and Dying, the Catholic Perspective*. It was compiled by the Catholic Conference of Ohio through the fine efforts of the Diocesan Pro-Life directors. It is my hope that you will utilize these materials to encourage your parishioners to be good stewards and informed Catholics regarding end of life issues.

These user friendly materials may be used as Bulletin inserts and/or guidelines for an adult faith formation series. Resources and videos mentioned are available by contacting the diocesan media center (or Respect Life Office).

Be assured of my continued prayers for you and your good works in ensuring a Culture of Life.

Sincerely in Christ,

Archbishop Daniel Pilarczyk



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