

Death & Dying: Conversations on End-of-Life Matters

Although still a taboo subject for many in our culture, join us Wednesday evenings, March 8, 15 & 22nd to begin conversations, learn and possibly prepare for something that affects us all.

Catholic Teaching Regarding the end of Life – March 8th

Mike Radcliffe will facilitate discussion about advanced directives, living wills, euthanasia, the status of medical assistance in dying in Catholic hospitals in Manitoba and legal topics surrounding death.

Stages of Death & Dying and the Mission & Ministry of the Catholic Cemetery – March 15th

Elizabeth Polakoff will discuss the Stages of Death and Dying by Kubler Ross followed by Monique Gauthier facilitating the section on the mission and ministry of the Catholic cemetery. When we think about evangelization, we don't often think about cemeteries, yet the Catholic cemetery is a critical vehicle of evangelization through its mission and ministry.

Claiming the Dignity of Cremated Remains – March 22nd

At a time when the secular world offers 'twenty seven things to do with cremated remains', we can be overwhelmed by all the options made available to us when a loved one dies. These influences have led some of our Catholic faithful to disperse or scatter remains, or keep them at home indefinitely. The teachings of the Catholic Church, most recently re-iterated in an important instruction released by Pope Francis in 2016, instruct us on the treatment of cremated remains. When cremation is chosen, the entire ritual movement of the Order of Christian Funerals should be celebrated. This session will delve into the rituals supporting death, and the consolation of faith made present through the complete celebration of this ritual movement when cremation is chosen.

To register for this series, please call Valerie at 204-453-9243.